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## Rochdale stories were nonsense, judge rules; but Orkney parents lose appeal against care order

# 'Satanic abuse' children free to return home

By Ronald Faux

TEN children separated from their families amid claims of satanic abuse last year were allowed home yesterday by a judge who described the children's stories of killings and ghosts as manifest fantasy and nonsense.

Mr Justice Douglas Brown said the tales had probably been inspired by horror films, but social workers had accepted the accounts with an "unhealthy single-mindedness". One boy aged six had watched *The Evil Dead* twice the night before claiming to have seen animals being mutilated and graves being opened.

The boy's teachers had alerted Rochdale social workers last March after he talked about ghosts. The senior social worker who went to the school had recently "done some reading on satanic ritual child abuse" and the boy, his two brothers and a sister were taken into care. In June, police and social workers seized 12 more children from the same council estate in early-morning raids. Another four were later taken into care, taking the total to eight girls and twelve boys, aged between two and sixteen. They were allowed little contact with their families and even birthday and Christmas cards were forbidden.

The judge ordered yesterday that ten of the children should be reunited with their families immediately. Another four would remain in care, but their cases would be reviewed this year. The others have already been sent home.

Mr Justice Brown's ruling at the High Court in Manchester came at the end of a 47-day hearing held in private. He said that although social workers had acted in what they believed were the children's best interests, experts had not been called in at an early stage and the guidelines laid down after the Cleveland abuse cases had not been followed. One of the senior social workers involved had not even read the Butler-Sloss report. At least one psychiatrist's advice had been disregarded, "a very serious error of judgment," the judge said.

He also criticised the way the children were interviewed and officials' failure to keep proper records of those interviews or to use videos. Leading questions were asked that resulted in the children exaggerating and fabricating stories. Minutes of some case conferences were startlingly inaccurate. "They were not minor, trivial or infrequent breaches, but were substantial ones which rendered the information from children valueless and unreliable."

The local authority had contended that the children's talk of sexual abuse, magic drinks, flying, ghosts and the killing of babies and animals was not fantasy, but could have been drug induced. The judge rejected that as highly unlikely. There was no evidence that the families had ever used drugs nor that babies were missing or had been found dead or mutilated.

The children were probably describing incidents they had seen or developed from a rich diet of such films as *The Evil Dead* and *Nightmare on Elm Street*. "It is highly likely, although quite deplorable, that these children have seen some unsuitable and frightening films," he said.

The judge said that the early morning raids had resulted in the children being needlessly traumatised, but he added: "I would not like it to be thought that I have drawn a completely unfavourable view of the social workers in this case. Rochdale is fortunate to have such dedicated and warm-hearted social workers."

He called for intensive training for those involved in such cases. Interviews should be carried out by experienced people such as child psychologists and should be videoed. Children should not be removed from home before expert advice had been taken and if they were to be taken away, it should be at the end of the school day.

Virginia Bottomley, the health minister, also criticised the early morning raids, saying social workers should not use police methods. Mrs Bottomley told BBC Radio 4's *The World at One* that she was not satisfied that guidelines emphasising the welfare of the child while recognising the role of the parents were being followed. The government would be issuing new guidance in the summer.

The British Association of Social Workers last night rejected the absolute rules proposed by the judge. David Jones, the general secretary, said the demands for children to be seen only at the end of the day and for a psychologist to be consulted first were unworkable and likely to put children at further risk.

But the Association of Directors of Social Services said it was difficult to defend Rochdale's handling of the case. Bob Lewis, the secretary, said the parents should have been consulted, and added: "There is no excuse for not keeping clear objective records or allowing subjective views to influence the questions we ask children."

Rochdale council said last night that it accepted the judge's findings and would make a statement today.

**Hilary Thompson, a mother of five, weeping outside Kirkwall sheriff court, Orkney, yesterday after appeals by her friends for the return of their children from care were rejected (Kerry Gill writes). Nine children from four families who are alleged to have been subjected to ritual sexual abuse were taken from their homes on South Ronaldsay last week. Mrs Thompson, who was among the supporters of the families protesting at the action, said: "I will never forgive them for what they are doing to these families. We know them well. It is inconceivable." Lawyers for the four families said they would consider a further appeal to the Court of Session, Scotland's supreme civil court. The decision by Sheriff Principal Ronald Ireland, QC, to reject the appeals was greeted with anger and dismay by the families. One of the mothers said: "It is such cruelty to the children. It has sunk in now." The father said: "We were told that the allegations were made by more than one child, no mention of any adults." Other parents from South Ronaldsay said they would resort to civil disobedience should social workers try to seize any more children. Peter Driver, a behavioural scientist who lives on Orkney, said: "We know these parents are incapable of such obscene acts. We are all agreed that these families could not possibly be guilty. It is a disgrace. We are absolutely incensed at the nonsense that has gone on here in the name of justice. It is bureaucratic tyranny. We want to know what the social workers' so-called evidence is."**

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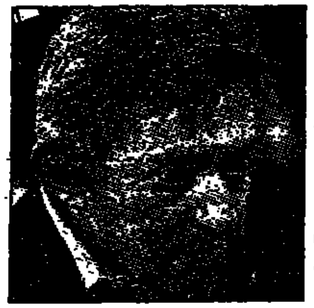

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# Justice enquiry soon, says Baker

By Quentin Cowdry, Home Affairs Correspondent

A WIDE-RANGING enquiry into police investigative techniques, the handling of forensic evidence and the effectiveness of the Court of Appeal is to be commissioned by ministers to reduce the incidence of miscarriages of justice, Kenneth Baker, the home secretary, has said.

The enquiry, possibly to take the form of a royal commission, could be announced as early as next week to coincide with the ending of the appeal court's second review of the cases of the Birmingham Six who were jailed in 1975.

The enquiry is to be headed by either a senior judge or a law lord and is expected to be one of the most searching examinations of pre-trial and trial procedures since the war. The move is said to have the full approval of Mr Baker, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, and Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Attorney General.

In an interview with *The Times*, Mr Baker said that ministers had been concerned about the recent quashing of the convictions of the Guildford Four and the Maguire Seven, though they believed recent improvements in police procedures and technology had lessened the possibility of wrongful prosecutions.

The enquiry is certain to look at the possibility of barring juries from making convictions purely on the basis of confession evidence, widening the powers of the appeal court and giving defence counsel greater access to the forensic science service.

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# Delors urges EC defence policy

By Michael Binyon
Diplomatic Editor

A COMMON European defence policy must be built on the Western European Union, which must eventually become a melting pot for the defence policies of the European Community, Jacques Delors, the European Commission president, said.

As the community moves towards full European union gather momentum, the need for common defence and common responsibilities towards the rest of the world becomes ever more urgent, he told the International Institute for Strategic Studies. No common EC foreign policy was possible without a security dimension.

The community should therefore build on what existed: the WEU. It should take over article V of the WEU treaty, adjusting the wording to say: "If any of the member states should be the object of an armed attack in Europe, the other member states will, in accordance with the provisions of the charter of the United Nations, afford the party so attacked all the aid in their power."

Already there was broad agreement on this in the intergovernmental discussions. But members differed. Some saw the WEU as a forum for increased cooperation between the countries of Europe and a bridge to the Atlantic alliance; others as a melting-

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# British troops to begin withdrawal at weekend

By Philip Webster and Michael Evans

BRITISH servicemen in the Gulf will start returning home this weekend and the Desert Rats will begin leaving on Monday, John Major told the Commons yesterday.

The withdrawal of American troops began yesterday and about half of the first 14,317 to return will arrive in the US today. As the troops returned, a spokesman said President Bush was willing to become directly involved in reviving Middle East peace efforts. Mr Bush told Congress on Wednesday that the swift victory set the stage for resolving the Arab-Israeli conflict.

The bodies of the 17 British soldiers killed on active service will be flown home today. The Duke of Kent, Archie Hamilton, the armed forces minister, senior military officers and families of the dead will be present when they arrive at RAF Brize Norton. A guard of honour will be mounted by members of all three services.

Bush: willing to revive Middle East peace efforts

In Riyadh, meanwhile, Iraqi and allied military officials signed an agreement yesterday for the repatriation of thousands of detained Kuwaiti citizens and other prisoners of war. The agreement, signed in the presence of representatives of the International Committee of the Red Cross, was a follow up to ceasefire talks held in occupied southern Iraq on Sunday.

One Red Cross official said last night that 2,000 Kuwaiti citizens would be involved in the repatriation, and it was possible that they would be handed over at some time today. The missing journalists would also be returned to Kuwait today.

In the Commons, the prime minister said the first troops to come home would be medical reservists. The first Tornado aircraft and their crews would begin to come home in a few days' time. HMS Gloucester, HMS London, HMS Herald, HMS Brazen and HMS Cardiff are already on their way back.

On Monday two Tristars will begin returning the advance elements of the 7th Armoured Brigade and some navy personnel to Britain. On the same day the RAF Tornado GR1s based at Tabuk will return to their base in Germany and the first Tornado F3s from Dhahran will also return.

More aircraft are planned to return by March 14. The main body of the 7th Armoured Brigade will begin to be flown to their base in Germany on March 15 and all are expected to return by Easter.

As Mr Major said that plans for an "appropriate welcome home" for the troops would be announced soon, it emerged that the allied victory is likely to be commemorated by a thanksgiving service, probably not in London. Government sources are declining to call the event a victory parade but it would involve troops marching to the service, likely to be held in a cathedral in the North or even Scotland.

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# Speaker retires and sets MPs guessing

By Robin Oakley
and Philip Webster

The announcement by Bernard Weatherill, the Speaker of the House of Commons, that he will retire at the next election set off a flurry of speculation yesterday about his likely successor.

He wanted to announce his planned retirement, designed to give would-be candidates for his Croydon North East seat time to prepare, on his 70th birthday last November, but he said that with the Tory leadership crisis "there wasn't anyone to go and see".

Mr Weatherill, once a Tory whip but never a ministerial star before he became speaker, has been a backbench champion, increasing the number of emergency debates and private notice questions to the irritation of the executive. That behaviour is likely to influence the choice of his successor.

With backbenchers having the final say, his record could make it harder for former ministers to secure the job, but one early enthusiasm among MPs last night was for the former transport secretary Paul Channon, once the baby of the House. Another mentioned was Peter Brooke, the Northern Ireland secretary.

Labour MPs said that the choice should swing to the Opposition benches. Labour has two deputy speakers in Harold Walker and Betty Boothroyd, but the party in office has the right to the first nomination.

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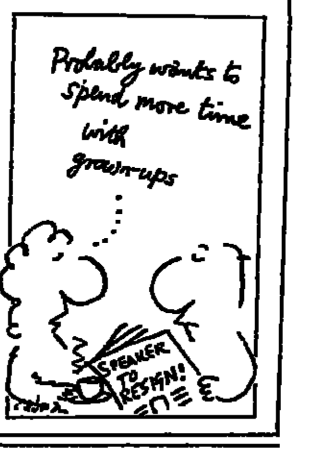


Probably wants to spend more time with grown-ups
SPEAKER TO RESIGN!

# America sees the melting of the Iron Lady

From Susan Ellicott
in Washington

Thatcher: US viewers to see softer image on TV

MARGARET Thatcher is about to take America by storm — again. Late tonight, those who revered the former prime minister as the Iron Lady who encouraged George Bush to stand firm against Saddam Hussein will glimpse a softer Maggie, a woman who, despite the grit of her rhetoric, is human like them.

The transformation will take place as viewers tune in to ABC News for Mrs Thatcher's first formal interview since leaving office last November. A spokeswoman for Mrs Thatcher described the hour-long conversation with Barbara Walters as "absolutely brilliant".

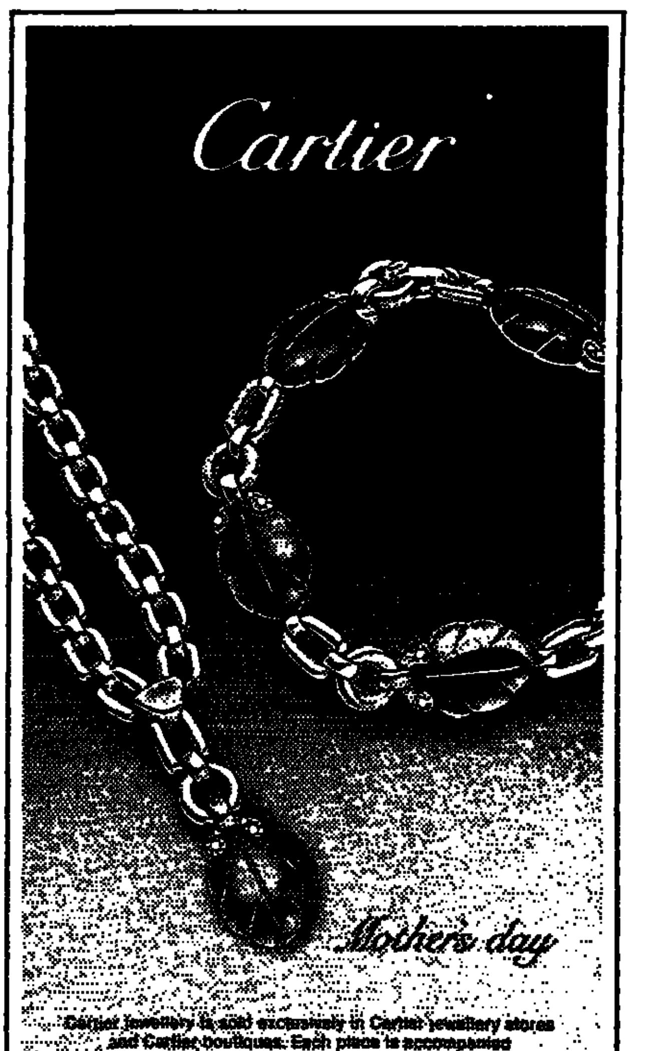
"Barbara is a good listener and Mrs Thatcher has gone on record on a lot of events without sentimentality but with emotion," she said. "There is a particularly moving section about Denis." In tone, the interview recalls one several years ago on British television with Miriam Stoppard. Then, a tear came to Mrs Thatcher's eye as Ms Stoppard asked about her memories of her father, alderman Alfred Roberts.

Mrs Thatcher reportedly did not cry in the Walters interview, which was recorded yesterday in the library of the British ambassador to Washington, Sir Antony Acland, but it sounds as if she came close. According to the aide travelling with her, "there were moments when you felt for her".

Americans are in general more likely than Britons to empathise with the former Conservative leader. Many, unfamiliar with the British political system, are shocked that her once loyal supporters in the Commons appear to have dumped her so unceremoniously after more than a decade of defiant leadership. The US media this week has taken more interest in her official visit to Washington to collect from Mr Bush the Medal of Freedom, America's highest civilian award, than many British publications.

The pomp and ceremony of the Thatcher tour centres around Washington, where she was scheduled to receive the medal at the White House last night. Today, she will give her first major policy speech since leaving 10 Downing Street at a lunch in the US capital's Four Seasons Hotel.

Mrs Thatcher will speak to four television stations on Saturday morning before flying to Dallas for "quiet time" with her son Mark and grandchild. Details of some of the tour's later engagements are hazy amid speculation that Mrs Thatcher may be planning to launch a career on the lecture circuit.



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# Dairy board's co-op plan threatens to sour farmers' milk and honey days

**Michael Hornsby examines the Milk Marketing Board's tentative offer to relinquish its monopoly**

THE dairy counters of most British supermarkets these days are filled with tempting delicacies but many of the most innovative products are imported. The English have not even found names for *fromage frais, fromage battu, fromage blanc* or *petit suisse*.

That is one reason the Milk Marketing Board has tentatively offered to shed its monopoly over milk supply and become a voluntary producers' co-operative. How much change is being contemplated, however, is uncertain.

For decades the board and the Dairy Trade Federation have run a cartel-like price-fixing operation that has largely relieved dairy farmers and dairy companies of the need to worry about what is happening in the market place. That could prove disastrous when EC trade barriers come down after next year.

Charles Runge, the board's chief executive, said: "In France some two thirds of the camembert market is sold under brand names. Sixty per cent of Britain's most popular cheese, mild cheddar, is sold unbranded and sits on the shelf leering palely through plastic and tasting of soap."

Most economists now agree that the milk marketing scheme has depressed producers' returns and raised prices. They believe that many of the benefits associated with the scheme, such as doorstep delivery, could be adequately maintained by dairy companies in a free market.

The board was set up in 1933 at a time of recession when many farmers felt they were at the mercy of powerful dairy companies. It has done much over the years to guarantee farmers a regular income, boost output, enforce quality controls and improve the dairy herd. But it has also stifled enterprise.

Apart from 2,200 farmers who pay for a licence to process their own milk and sell it direct to the public, all 32,000 dairy farmers in England and Wales are required by law to sell their milk to the board. It then sells the milk to 300 dairies, creameries and milk delivery companies at uniform prices fixed each year with the Dairy Trade Federation. The board charges dairies the lowest price for milk sold for drinking. A newcomer wanting to manufacture a new kind of yoghurt, say, can be kept out by too high a supply price. One result is that imports now take 25 per cent of the yoghurt market, up from 16 per cent four years ago.

As far as can be discovered, the board is proposing that price fixing should end and that dairy companies should bid against each other for supplies of milk from the new co-operative. Farmers would be free to stay outside the system if they wished and deal directly with their customers.

The Dairy Trade Federation would prefer the board to be divided into competing, regional co-operatives. Andrew Dare, federation president, said: "There has to be a fair balance of power between suppliers and the dairies." A single, giant co-operative would be too powerful. A further difficulty is that the board wants its successor to retain control of Dairy Crest, which has a third of the British dairy-products market. The federation fears that Dairy Crest could be offered preferential prices by the new co-operative and wants the dairy company to be hived off, even if it remains farmer-owned.

The board says its proposal will be put to a referendum of all 32,000 dairy farmers. Votes will be weighted according to herd size. There is no doubt that most farmers like the security of the present arrangement — daily milk collection and a monthly cheque — and fear that it could be eroded in a voluntary system. If the farmers vote against change, they would present John Gummer, the agriculture minister, with a difficult decision. He has been pressing for a more market-oriented system but has been loath to intervene to remove the board's statutory powers.

Over the past two years a few farmers have defied the cartel by selling their milk direct to their customers without licence, provoking threats of legal action from the board. Doubts about whether the cartel could be legally enforced after 1992 are an added spur behind the board's re-think.

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# Hattersley goads Major over peers' criticisms

By Sheila Gunn, political correspondent

ROY Hattersley, Labour's deputy leader, goaded John Major in the Commons yesterday over the verdict of a Lords committee that Britain's manufacturing industry is close to terminal decline.

Standing in for Neil Kinnock at question time, Mr Hattersley countered the prime minister's attempts to boost Conservative spirits over the recession by repeating the committee's bleak conclusions. The deputy leader asked: "Why is Britain the only western European economy in which manufacturing exports are falling, manufacturing output is falling, manufacturing investment is falling and manufacturing employment is falling, all at the same time?"

Speaking against the background of a stock market surge and the prospect of further reductions in inflation and interest rates, the prime minister insisted that the economy was starting to see the fruits of the government's tough monetary policies. He told MPs: "In this country inflation is falling, interest rates are falling and I think the effects of policies are beginning to be felt benevolently." Mr Hattersley had failed to mention that the US and Canada were in recession, and growth was slowing in France, Italy and a number of other major economies.

Mr Hattersley accused the prime minister of not answering his questions. The Lords' report, he said, showed that the problem of manufacturing industry was "doctrinaire government policies and incompetent ministers of the Department of Industry".

The exchanges took place only hours before trade and industry ministers left for a weekend summit on the department's role in the 1990s. Ministers and advisers are expected to discuss how to sharpen the department's help to businesses on design and innovation, a point made strongly by the peers.

At Westminster Gordon Brown, the shadow trade and industry secretary, continued to exploit the committee's condemnation of government neglect of manufacturing industry by publishing economic statistics for John Major's first 100 days as prime minister. During the past 100 days, he said, a further 150,000 workers had lost their jobs and 40,000 manufacturing workers were now on short-time work or temporarily suspended.

# Jury told of bullet similarities

AMMUNITION found on a young Irish student was similar to that used in the shooting of a British serviceman and two bullets found buried in IRA arms caches in Wales and Cheshire, a jury at the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday

The Kalashnikov rifle bullets found in the pocket of Kevin O'Donnell were made in Yugoslavia in 1982, said Brian Arnold, a police firearms expert. Similar bullets, also made in Yugoslavia in the same year, were used to kill a British serviceman in the Netherlands and were discovered in the buried arms caches, he said.

O'Donnell, aged 21, from County Tyrone, a poultry husbandry student from Harper Adams Agricultural College, Edgmond, Shropshire, denies possessing two loaded Kalashnikov rifles with intent to endanger life in May 1990.

The guns were found on the back seat of his car after an early morning police chase in north London.

Miss Linda Jones, a forensic scientist, told the jury of improvements since the mid-1970s in tests for the presence of explosives.For each of the results I have recorded for the presence of explosives, each passed on three independent analyses,"she said. Miss Jones said she also obtained positive explosives results from tests on O'Donnell's clothing. The trial continues today.

# PR is 'best hope' for women in politics

By Alice Thomson

THERE are fewer women in politics in Britain than in any other leading industrialised nation, according to the Electoral Reform Society, which yesterday launched a campaign to highlight the contrast between women's achievements in Britain and their poor representation in Parliament.

Democracy 2000 says proportional representation is the only way to increase numbers. Women pioneers in their professions and two women MPs, Alice Mahon, of Labour, and Margaret Ewing, of the SNP, were at the launch and signed a "Declaration for Democracy 2000" by the Emily Pankhurst statue in Westminster.

Women, who make up 52 per cent of the population and 45 per cent of the workforce, account for only 6.3 per cent of MPs, the Electoral Reform Society said. In countries that have proportional representation, the numbers are higher. Its figures show that 38 per cent of the Swedish parliament is female, in Norway the figure is 34.4 per cent and in Germany, 19.3 per cent.

"The Mother of Parliaments is no parliament for mothers," said Georgina Ashworth, a consultant for the Electoral Reform Society. While the number of women selected as candidates had tripled in 27 years many had been in marginal seats and there had not been a similar increase in representation, she said.

Baroness Seear, who chaired the launch, said: "In Spain, Iceland and Peru they have women's political parties, and in India and the Philippines women have their own trade unions, but in London where we have women bus and train drivers and priests we still have hardly any representation."

PETER TRIEVNOR

Women pioneers: Pauline Crabbe, the first black woman magistrate, left, talks with Midge Mackenzie, a member of the first all-woman film crew

# Doctors attack 'waste of £80m'

By Jill Sherman
Social services correspondent

HEALTH authorities are wasting £80 million of taxpayers' money in a bureaucratic "explosion" to implement the NHS reforms, the British Medical Association said yesterday. A survey conducted by the association showed that from May to October last year, health authorities advertised for 1,800 staff to fill new administrative posts created specifically for the changes.

The survey, based on advertisements placed in *The Health Service Journal*, showed that salaries of £40,000 to £50,000 were being offered for personnel directors and hospital managers. The annual salary bill for those posts alone would be £41 million but if the present trend continued for the rest of the year the new management salaries would cost more than £80 million a year.

Ian Field, the association's secretary, compared that figure with the £14 million promised by the government in December to cut junior doctors' hours, and with the £35 million allocated for reducing waiting lists this year. Dr Field said that NHS efficiency savings could not provide the extra money.

He called on the government to guarantee that the additional money for the "explosion of bureaucracy" would not be diverted from the clinical care of patients. The health department said: "Any increase in finance and personnel staff is being fully funded and is not at the expense of patient care."

● The government is expected to announce a 35p rise in prescription charges on Monday, to be introduced on April 1. The increase would take the charge to £3.40.

# Esso rise puts petrol over £2

Esso yesterday pushed the price of four-star petrol back over the £2 mark with an increase of 5.5p a gallon (1.2p a litre), which is bound to begin another round of rises.

The increase, from today, takes Esso prices to 204.1p a gallon (44.9p a litre) and unleaded to 190.5p a gallon (41.9p). The company blamed the rise on "increases in the international market price of petrol".

Similar announcements from other companies appear inevitable. The rise in the international price, despite the end to the Gulf war, has surprised oil companies.

The 204.1p figure takes prices roughly to the level they were at the time Iraq invaded Kuwait last August. Since then, prices have see-sawed from well below £2 to a peak of about £2.40.

## Labour poll lead

Conservative inroads into Labour's lead on education issues has come to an abrupt halt, according to a MORI poll in today's *Times Educational Supplement*. After two months in which the gap narrowed from 23 per cent to 7 per cent, Labour again had a 10 per cent lead in February. Tory ratings fell for the first time since John Major became prime minister and Kenneth Clarke education secretary.

## Triple transplant

Debbie Wright, aged 23, of Cross Gates, Leeds, was unconscious but stable in intensive care at Papworth hospital, Cambridge, last night after a nine-hour operation to give her a new, lungs and liver. Miss Wright, a part-time Oxfam charity worker who has cystic fibrosis, is the second person in Britain to have the rare operation, for which she waited nine months.

## Four killed

Four people died in a road accident in County Durham yesterday as thick fog caused a spate of accidents in the North-East. The A19 near Easington was closed temporarily after the accident involving 15 vehicles.

## Pump action

Mount Charlotte Thistle Hotels yesterday withdrew plans to demolish the Clifton Spa Pump Room in Bristol. The company will retain it as part of a conference and banqueting development.

## CORRECTION

The robes for Dr George Carey, the Archbishop of Canterbury elect, were commissioned from Juliet Hemingray, a Derby embroideress, and not Penny Lawes and a group of friends from Bristol, as stated in the picture caption on March 4.

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# Baker determines to take on prison reformer's mantle

**Four months into the job, Kenneth Baker, the Home Secretary, outlines some of his liberal, and, some might say, not-so-liberal, priorities to Quentin Cowdry**

THE home secretary was watching television. On the news the pictures were of a beaming John Major meeting Crown Prince Sheikh Saad al-Sabah of Kuwait during the prime minister's visit to the emirate.

One of Kenneth Baker's aides commented that the trip was the first to be made by an allied leader since Iraq's defeat. "It's also the first time a prime minister has been wearing a sweater when introduced to the crown prince," Mr Baker quipped, without a hint of censure or regret for what-might-have-been.

It is not difficult to imagine that the member for Mole Valley, once seen as a front-runner to succeed Margaret Thatcher, felt a little piqued by his younger cabinet colleague's triumph in the Tory leadership poll. Friends, however, described his mood as one of bemusement. Whatever the truth, Mr Major moved swiftly to ease any possible dissatisfaction by appointing him overlord of one of the three great departments of state.

Four months into the job, Mr Baker is determined to leave his mark on the Home Office. In the area of prisons, at least, the changes will be of the liberal mould. In other areas, notably immigration, they may be seen by some as strikingly illiberal.

In his spacious Home Office suite, Mr Baker said that his chief priority was to strengthen law and order on a broad front. He would seek improvements in policing, greater efforts to divert youngsters from crime and the creation of a more humane and, hopefully therefore, more stable prison system. He has been appalled by the poor conditions and restricted regimes many inmates have to endure. So has Mr Major. "I have talked this over with John and he also believes that our prisons have to change," Mr Baker said. Treasury ministers had also apparently accepted that spending on jails would have to remain high, in spite of the £1 billion spent in the 1980s on new prisons.

"Prisons shouldn't be holiday camps," Mr Baker said.

Baker: "Always willing to consider major changes"

"They should be decent and have regimes which keep inmates occupied so that when they come to be released they have a chance of leading a better life."

There are other issues which demand Mr Baker's attention: the decline in confidence in policing, the quality of justice and the big rise over the past 18 months in the number of refugees seeking asylum. The integrity of the vast majority of policemen was beyond reproach, Mr Baker said. Had the Police and Criminal Evidence Act been introduced a decade earlier the Guildford Four and Maguire Seven would probably not have been prosecuted. But he said that ministers had been seriously concerned by the succession of miscarriage of justice cases and had decided to launch a wide ranging enquiry.

Such an enquiry may present Mr Baker with another opportunity to introduce progressive, liberal reforms. But Opposition MPs are likely to cast him in a different hue when he unveils his reponse to the big increase since 1989 in the numbers of refugees seeking asylum in Britain. "The great majority just think life is better over here," Mr Baker said. If ministers failed to act, some advances achieved in race relations could be reversed.

Having squeezed an extra £18 million from the Treasury this year to speed up moves to end slopping out, Mr Baker has also just won more money for the fight against terrorism. Most of the new money will go into bolstering intelligence.

Mr Baker also suggested he was not yet persuaded of the benefits of sweeping changes in the structure of the police, which some say is too decentralised. "I'm always willing to consider major changes, but only when I can see major advantages." However, with Mr Baker apparently determined to further his reformist credentials, chief constables could still be surprised.

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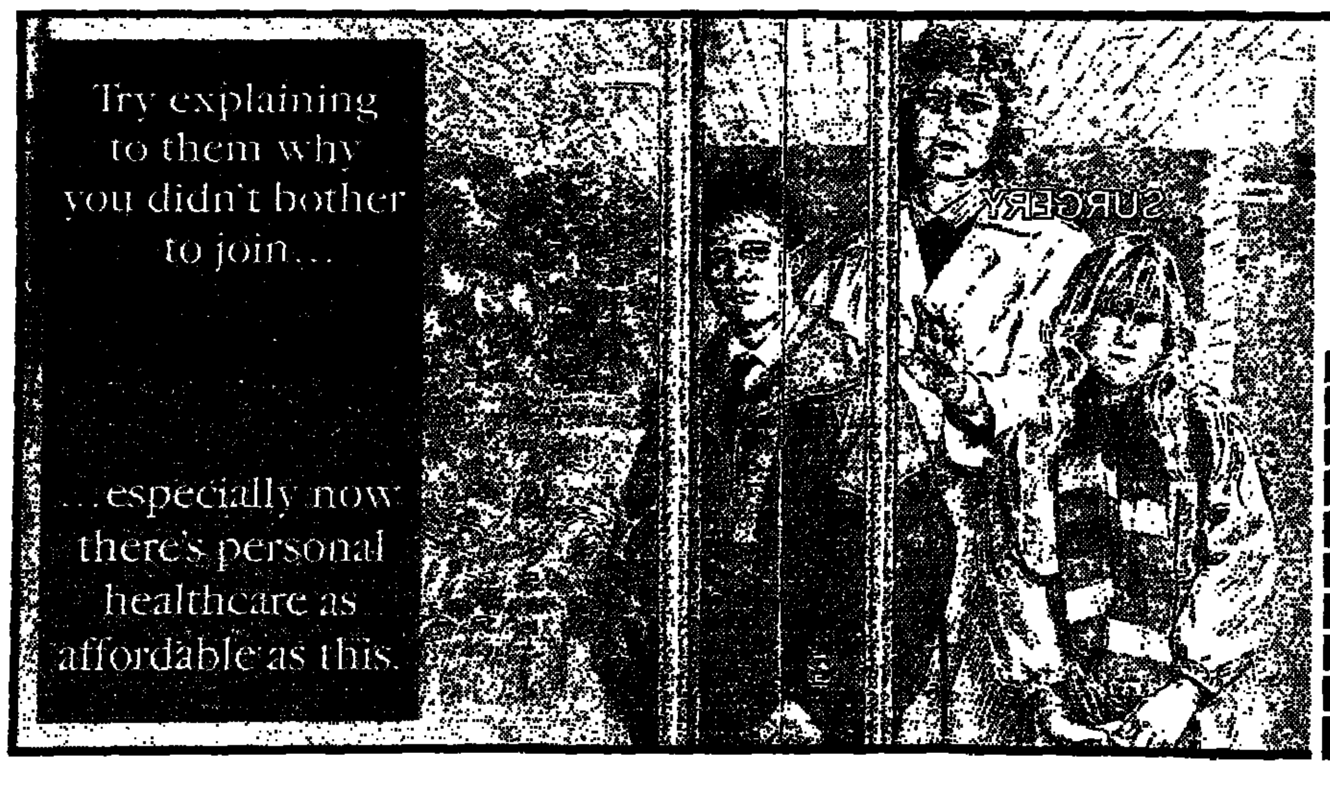
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# £5m gold and silver hoard is declared treasure trove

By Michael Horsnell

A HOARD of gold and silver artefacts worth more than £5 million was yesterday declared the property of the Queen and handed to the British Museum. An inquest jury decided that the 2,000-year-old cache, found by a man aged 80 with a metal detector, was treasure trove.

The Iron Age hoard, the biggest discovery of its kind this century, was unearthed by Cecil Hodder, a former RAF squadron leader, in a field on the Ken Hill estate of Sir Stephen Lycett Green at Snettisham, Norfolk. Mr Hodder, who waived any claim to the treasure after the museum was called in to carry out a full excavation of the site, refused to comment as he left the inquest at King's Lynn. He will receive an unspecified reward from the museum after a meeting of its treasure trove reviewing committee next week.

Sir Stephen, a former high sheriff of Norfolk, who had given permission for Mr Hodder and the museum to search his field, did not attend the three-hour hearing.

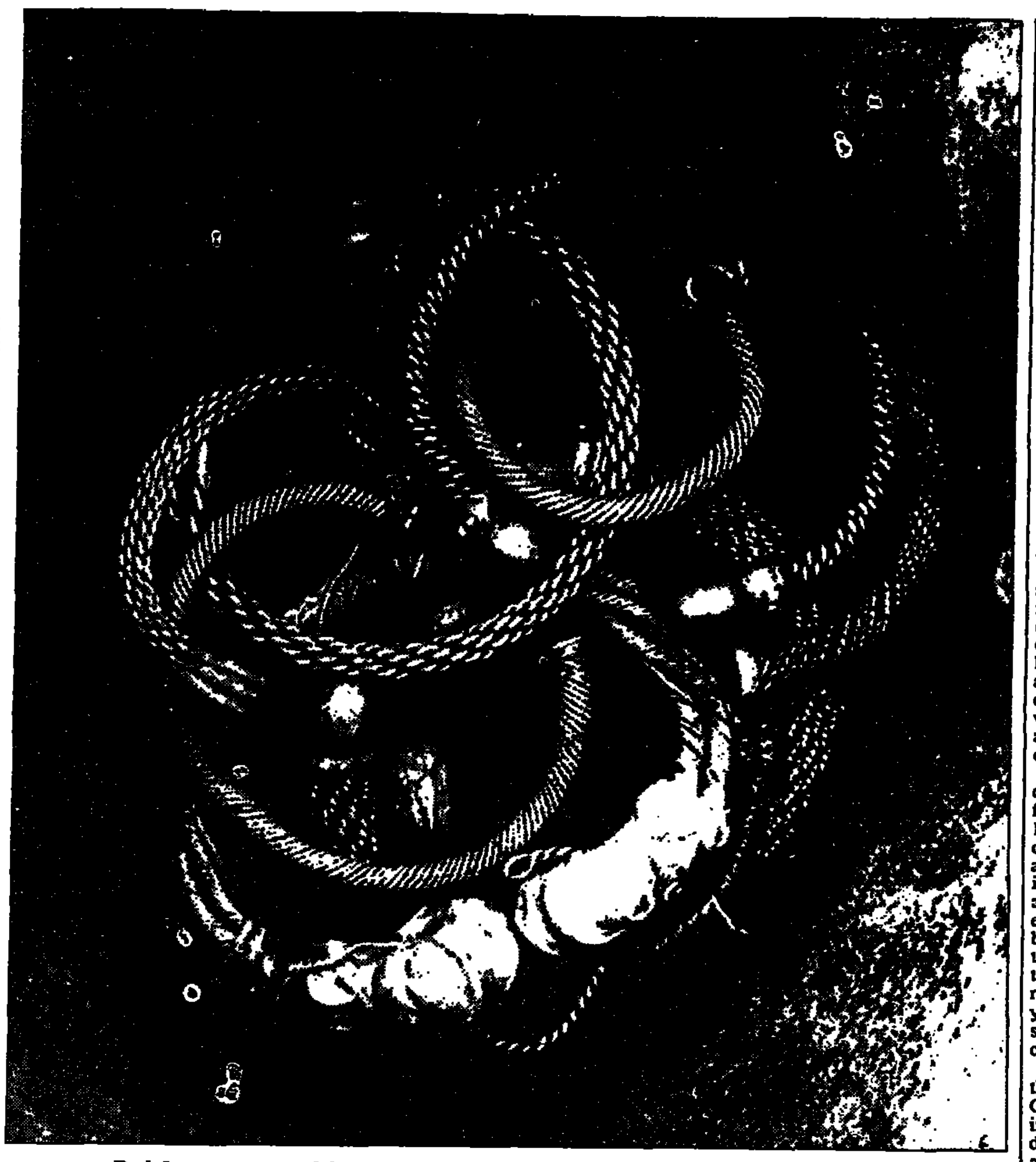
The rich treasure of gold torcs (neck rings), bracelets and coins was kept under guard by police as jury members decided its fate. They were told the hoard was probably buried in 70BC about 15 years before the invasion of Britain by Julius Caesar. The jury's task, based on arcane law stretching back to the Middle Ages, was to decide whether the hoard had been deliberately buried to be collected later, in which case it was the property of the monarch, or abandoned, perhaps as a votive offering to the gods, in which case it belonged to the finder.

Mr Hodder, from South Wootton, Norfolk, first explored Sir Stephen's field after it had been harvested in 1989 and found fragments of torcs and a coin. The following year, on August bank holiday, he worked more systematically and struck gold. About 12 inches beneath the surface in a bronze container he found fragments from at least 50 torcs, over 70 ingot rings and bracelets, and several coins.

The British Museum was called in after Mr Hodder reported the find. With his help, it uncovered another five splendid hoards on the three-acre site. By last Christmas the hoards had produced 63 perfectly preserved torcs, weighing about 21lb and worth perhaps £60,000 as bullion. The museum refuses to estimate the find's value as artefacts at auction but its worth is put at more than £5 million. Some estimates are as high as £20 million.

The inquest was told that most of the gold coins were from Norfolk and Lincolnshire, where they were probably used as currency by the Coritani and Iceni tribes.

Dr Ian Stead, deputy keeper in the department of prehistoric and Romano-British antiquities at the British Museum, told the inquest that he did not believe the hoards had been votive offerings. If they were, he said, they were offerings they were to unknown gods in an undefined locality. He agreed with Bill Knowles, the coroner, that the treasures could have been buried loot and said he believed that it was intended they should be retrieved.



Buried treasure: some of the Iron Age torcs as they were found in a field at Snettisham, Norfolk

## Discovery unique, say archaeologists

By Norman Hammond, archaeology correspondent

THE Snettisham treasure trove is one of the largest and most significant finds of prehistoric gold in Britain, according to archaeologists.

Dr Ian Stead, deputy keeper in the department of prehistoric and Romano-British antiquities at the British Museum, said that the hoard comprised 587 pieces weighing more than 21 lb, "a mass of scrap metal work". The find included torcs, ingot rings to be made into bracelets of finger rings, three bar ingots and gold coins.

Below the last hoard to be found, in a deeper pit was uncovered the "the largest and most precious collection", comprising 12 torcs, four of gold, six of electrum, a gold silver alloy, and two of bronze. Altogether the site had yielded more than 175 complete or fragmentary torcs, over 100 ingots and more than 170 coins. Dr Stead said that the discovery was "quite unique: hoards of torcs have never been found in an excavation in Britain before, and the chance finds have never had more than six torcs together".

Although local myth has associated the find with Boudicca, Queen of the Iceni tribe which ruled Norfolk at the time of the Roman conquest, it had in fact been buried for 130 years at the time of her rebellion against Rome in AD60.

The find is not the first from Snettisham: between 1948 and 1950 five hoards were found in the same field. Nothing in the present find, however, matches the great gold torc found in 1950: known at "The Snettisham Torc". It is "one of Britain's finest antiquities", Dr Stead said. The new finds will shortly join it in the British Museum, archaeologists hope.

The bronze objects do not form part of the treasure trove and belong to the Lycett Green family.

## Closure is likely for London City Ballet

By Simon Tait
Arts correspondent

LONDON City Ballet, one of the most successful of Britain's medium-sized dance companies, is expected to close because it cannot get Arts Council revenue funding.

The company, founded 13 years ago, is the latest in a number of dance companies that have had to announce closure because of inadequate Arts Council funding in what is seen as a growing financial crisis for dance in Britain.

Extemporary Dance Theatre has closed after being refused a £130,000 grant, Second Stride will close at the end of the month because it will no longer receive project funding, and London City Ballet is expected to announce next week that it will have to close after the Arts Council's refusal of its application for funding.

London City Ballet, a classical ballet touring company founded by Harold King in 1978, has survived on box-office takings, sponsorship and fund-raising while building up an international reputation. The company has never enjoyed regular public funding but received £100,000 from the Arts Council last year for touring and was expected to receive a similar amount next year. It was seeking revenue status because of the uncertainties of the recession.

The National Campaign for the Arts called on the Arts Council to review the workings of its dance panel whose decisions were "inconsistent and likely to damage the security of dance companies".

Royal briefing: the prince talks to a soldier about to go on patrol at Holywood, Co Down, yesterday

## Prince in Belfast

By Edward Gorman, Irish affairs correspondent

THE army and police mounted an extensive security operation in Belfast yesterday for the first visit to Northern Ireland by the Prince of Wales for three years.

He is the third member of the Royal Family to visit Northern Ireland this year. As he strode through the rain-swept streets chatting with some of the hundreds who gathered to welcome him, police and army marksmen watched from rooftops. Later, the prince visited the 1st Battalion the Parachute Regiment, in Holywood, Co Down. He is the regiment's colonel-in-chief.

The prince last visited Northern Ireland in 1987, when he met survivors of the IRA Remembrance Day bombing in Enniskillen, in which 11 people died.

● The Princess of Wales yesterday visited Broadmoor, one of Britain's most secure hospitals for the mentally ill. Among the patients she met was a convicted killer.

## BA loses services to Virgin

By Harvey Elliott
Air correspondent

BRITISH Airways was last night ordered to hand two lucrative services between London and Tokyo to Virgin Atlantic so that the smaller airline can mount effective competition against BA.

The ruling, by Malcolm Rifkind, the transport secretary, infuriated BA, which immediately blamed British negotiators for failing to create the opportunity for both airlines to fly more often on one of the world's most profitable routes. Richard Branson, chairman of Virgin, was delighted, however, and said that the travelling public would benefit.

Virgin flies four services a week between Gatwick and Narita airports but has been prevented from making more flights because of a limit imposed on the number of movements at Narita by the Japanese authorities. BA flies 13 times a week and had intended adding a further two by rearranging some of its services. The extra services will now go to Virgin.

British Airways said: "Our business, our shareholders and this country will all suffer."

## Ramblers hit back at BR

By Michael Dynes, transport correspondent

OPEN hostility has erupted between British Rail and the Ramblers Association over whether walkers have an inalienable right to meander across railway lines in the face of oncoming high speed trains.

Chris Hall, president of the 82,000-strong association, last night accused British Rail of orchestrating a conspiracy aimed at closing "hundreds of rights of way throughout the country". British Rail is seeking parliamentary approval for its east coast mainline safety bill, which will close ten rights of way between London and Edinburgh.

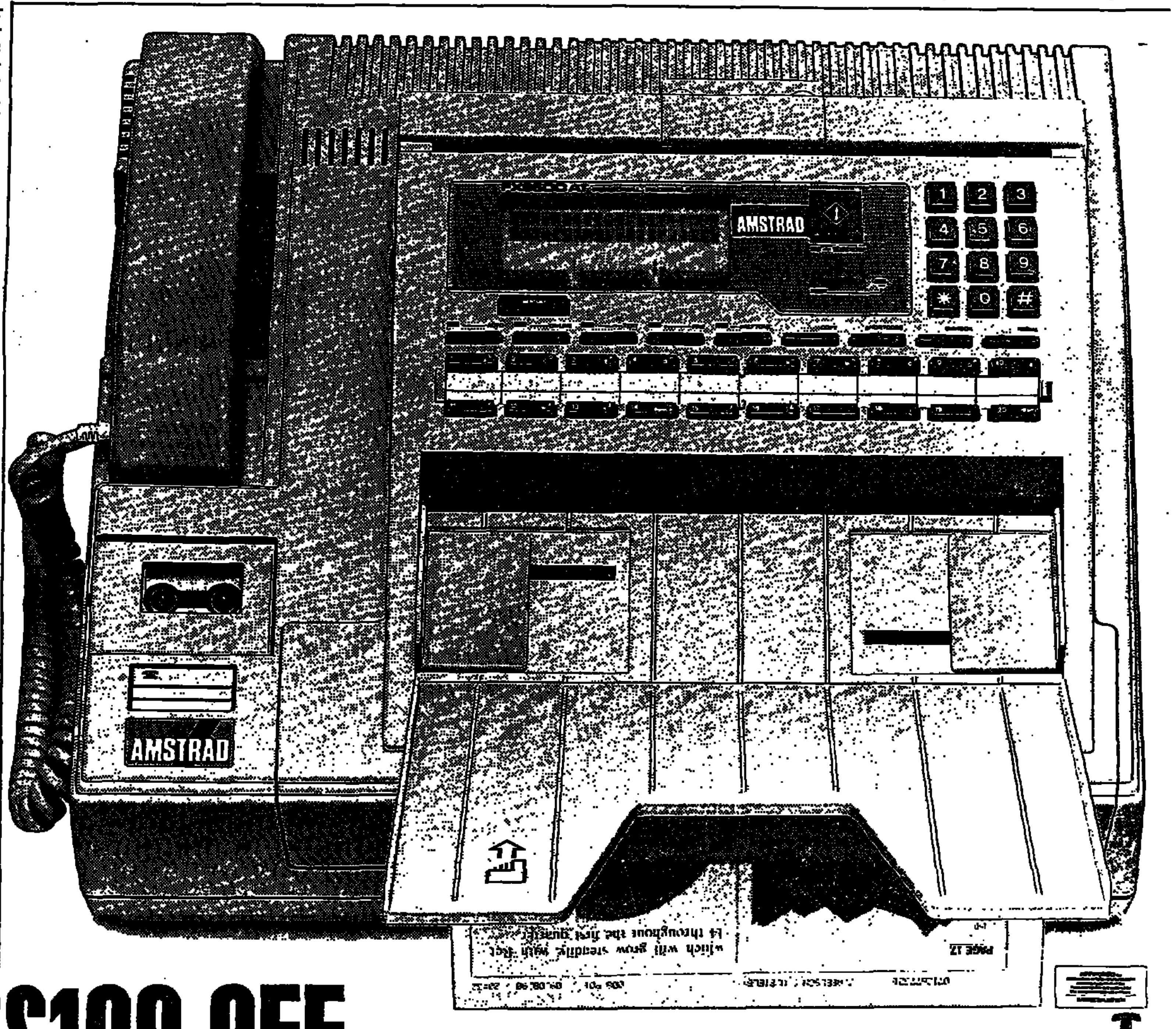
"If British Rail gets approval for their bill, they will come back for more," Mr Hall told a meeting in Warrington, Cheshire. "They will try to close possibly hundreds of other rights of way throughout the country." Closure of the bridleways would leave dead-end paths on either side of the line, inviting trespass, he said. British Rail had failed to appreciate that danger. "Not since the Beeching carve-up have we seen such an ill-thought out cack-handed job as the British Rail lawyers are making of path closures on the line between London and Edinburgh."

Thirteen people have been killed since 1986 while using the estimated 2,000 ancient rights of way across railway lines in Britain. Yesterday, British Rail said: "It is our belief that footpath crossings are not compatible with high-speed train operations. We have some 146 footpath crossings on the east coast mainline. That is far too many, and we simply cannot afford to provide bridges or subways at every location at a cost of up to £250,000 each."

● A doctor's wife who has championed the cause of horseriders and ramblers for 30 years has made legal history in her fight to get an ancient bridleway cleared and restored to use.

Zara Bowles, aged 60, of Lyme Regis, Dorset, won her case at Axminster magistrates' court. She gained permission to engage her own contractor to clear a bridleway and to charge the £20,000 costs to Devon county council. She says she is the first person in Britain to gain such permission.

Her action came after the county's failure to clear a section of bridleway at Membury, near Axminster, Devon which first brought complaints from the British Horse Society in 1983. Mrs Bowles is the society's assistant bridleways officer.



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# Police lied, colluded and deceived, appeal court told

By STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

DETECTIVES who questioned the Birmingham Six were involved in a conspiracy of deceit, the Court of Appeal was told yesterday.

It was alleged that the credibility of many of the 16 West Midlands detectives who took part in the interrogations could no longer be sustained in the light of a new analysis of police documentary evidence by Dr Alan Baxendale, a Home Office scientist.

Michael Mansfield, QC, representing five of the six men, told the court that Dr Baxendale's analysis showed that extra pages had been added to contemporaneous notes of interviews with one of the Six.

He said that if the new material had been set against the original evidence, deceit would have been shown.

The police evidence of four confessions and oral admissions made by the Six, Paddy Hill, Hugh Callaghan, John Walker, Richard McIlkenny, Gerry Hunter and Billy Power, was crucial to the men's conviction in 1975 for the Birmingham public house bombings. Mr Mansfield said that two sets of police notes of interviews with McIlkenny that were said to be contemporaneous were not, and that Det Supt George Reade, who was in charge of the interrogations, Det Constables Terry Woodwiss and Rex Langford, and Det Sergeant Colin Morris had colluded, fabricated notes, and lied on oath.

Documents were compiled not at the time of the arrests in November 1974 but in 1975. Mr Mansfield said: "There is now considerable doubt, to put it at its lowest, as to the accuracy, reliability and honesty of the officers."

Dr Baxendale had examined Mr Reade's notebook covering the first day of interrogations and found that times of events had been put in the margin in a different ink. There was no explanation for the insertion. The ink in the text also changed.

Mr Reade made notes of an interview with Hunter that were countersigned by his second-in-command, Det Inspector John Moore, as contemporaneous. Mr Moore made a statement based on the notes and gave evidence at the trial, apparently reading from Mr Reade's notebook. However, in the statement and in his evidence he added a question that was not included in Mr Reade's notes. Mr Mansfield told the court that Mr Moore could not explain the difference between the notebook and what was said in court.

Mr Mansfield said that at the original trial Mr Reade was reported to have intervened during the first interrogation of McIlkenny. According to contemporaneous notes, Mr Reade told McIlkenny that there was evidence that some of the other men had handled explosives, and that Power had implicated him. McIlkenny denied that the interview had taken place.

Dr Baxendale found that the notes of Mr Reade's intervention during the interrogation had been inserted later. The notes were tested using a technique known as electrostatic documentary analysis, which showed that the first six pages were different to the next four.

The case continues today.

CHRISTOPHER MOORE

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# Designers show way back to the Sixties

From LIZ SMITH
FASHION EDITOR, IN MILAN

THE Italian designer show has ended in Milan on a well orchestrated high. The superstars of Italian fashion, who had ganged together to provide a succession of top name shows on the closing days, supplied the fashion fireworks that were missing earlier.

Even before Gianni Versace staged his revival of the baby doll dress worn short and sexy with stiletto-heeled thigh boots, it was clear that most designers here are locked into the styles of the swinging decade. "After three days in Milan I have decided the Sixties are back," Bob Colacello, of *Vanity Fair*, said. As biographer and a former acolyte of Andy Warhol he should know.

Karl Lagerfeld, however, pursued a later hippy trail for Fendi, showing the fringing, patchwork, magic carpet knits and tie-dye prints of the Seventies, although he said he was inspired more by Eleonora Duse and d'Annunzio.

With the retailing business in a recession worldwide, Gianni Versace thinks it is right "to take a more discreet approach to fashion". His idea of restraint, however, is only relevant to his customary extravaganzas. Simply styled tweed suits are certainly a new departure towards a classic style. At Versace they come in multi-coloured tweed with sleeves, back, sides and cuffs in a patchwork of colours. His sculpted cut is superb, as ever. His favourite plunge-necked dresses and ultra-short skirts in glossy ribbed silk Ottoman, dip and sway over another short skirt worn underneath.

Gianfranco Ferrè, who designs for Dior as well as his own collection, relaxed his strict tailored style to include more sporty looks. Ferrè's fishermen sweaters and tapered trousers may sound simple but they come gem-studded and sequinned, in silk moiré and satin, trimmed with feathers and wrapped in a stole of leather and mink.

# Six fined for part in dog fight

Six men were yesterday fined up to £600 each after being arrested at a dog fight in Fife. They were the last of more than thirty to appear in court after police raided Burnside Farm, Bonnybank, in May.

At Kirkcaldy court yesterday, Roger Wood, aged 37, of Glasgow, was fined £600; John Bertram, 27, of Edinburgh, was fined £500; John Murray, 34, of Larkhall, Strathclyde, £600; Graham Wright, 28, of Leith, Lothian, £600; Robert Kinnear, 27, of Newtongrange, Lothian, £400, and Robert Hain, 20, of Glenrothes, Fife, £300. They had previously admitted being at the farm and, except for Hain, whose not guilty plea was accepted, attending premises being used for a betting transaction on a dog fight.

## Jonathan Sacks

In reporting (February 9) the academic feats of the Sacks brothers, three of whom recorded double firsts at the same Cambridge college, it was suggested that the fourth and eldest brother, Jonathan Sacks, chief rabbi elect, gained only a second. To set the record straight, he achieved a second in part one of the moral sciences tripos in 1968 but a first in his part two examination the following year.

## Fire kills boy

A boy aged 14 died yesterday after setting himself alight as he repaired a moped inside his home at Caerphilly, Mid Glamorgan. A neighbour smothered the flames but Malcolm Botley died later.

## Police target

Television sets were thrown at police in Taunton, Somerset, as they chased a van believed to have been involved in a raid on a television showroom. Two men were being questioned by police.

## Something extra

Heinz was fined £300 by Norwich crown court after a man found a hair-covered piece of beef in a tin of oxtail soup. It admitted causing a retailer to sell adulterated food.

# Firms increasingly rejecting unions

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

TRADE unions are increasingly being derecognised across industry, according to a forthcoming study which shows that the process is much more widespread than previously thought.

Details of the findings of a study by the National Institute for Economic and Social Research will not be published until later this year, but outline results were disclosed last night by the print union leader Brenda Dean.

Research by Paul Gregg, of the institute, shows for the first time that 13 per cent of companies which recognised unions in 1984 had by 1990 partially or completely derecognised them.

Previously, studies had suggested that in only a very few companies had unions lost recognition and collective bargaining rights. Some industrial relations specialists insisted, though, that many instances were unknown because companies and trade unions tend to want to keep quiet about derecognition. The institute's study, among 558 large companies employing almost 20 per cent of the UK workforce, shows derecognition gathering pace towards the end of the Eighties, particularly in construction and retailing.

Giving the annual GCHQ lecture in London, marking the government's derecognition of civil service unions at the intelligence listening centre in Cheltenham, Miss Dean, general secretary of the Sogat '82 print union, said that derecognition is now widespread. Employers were trying to capitalise on current employment legislation before the pendulum of the law swung back to the centre.

Miss Dean said that union recognition was a basic civil liberty and not a luxury benefiting trade unions. She added that a staged approach to recognition was being considered by Labour party and TUC leaders, with the TUC to publish proposals on Monday.

# Lay role urged in appointing judges

By FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

A GREATER say for the public in the appointment of judges is proposed in a Law Society discussion paper published yesterday.

The paper suggests the setting up of a judicial appointments commission of judges, lawyers and distinguished lay people to advise the Lord Chancellor on who is appointed to the bench, and on the appointments system. John Aucott, chairman of the society's remuneration and practice development committee, said: "It is important that such a commission does not consist solely of lawyers. A strong lay element is needed to ensure that the magic circle is broken, rather than simply expanded."

Members of the public would bring a broad balance to the commission and it would be more sensitive to the needs of the community. Mr Aucott said that the lay element should be at least as strong as the judicial.

The proposal for lay involvement is one of several suggested reforms in the judicial appointments system as part of the society's campaign to broaden the base from which judges are drawn. The society wants to move away from word-of-mouth recruiting and towards a modern selection system, using extended tests and interviews similar to the civil service method, with less emphasis on the views of serving judges.

The paper, which is to be distributed for discussion, also suggests that alongside the present judicial system requiring candidates first to spend several years in a part-time judicial post, there should be the alternative route of a six-month probationary period. A third, longer-term proposal is that consideration be given to creating a continental-style career judiciary to supplement the existing system in which judges are drawn from the practising legal profession. Ways to monitor the performance of judges might also be considered.

The paper stems from concern about a shortage of solicitors appointed to the circuit bench, especially as the higher judicial posts are to be opened to solicitors; and also about the lack of women and candidates from the ethnic minorities.

# Swearing on TV overtakes violence as top complaint

By Melinda Wittstock, media correspondent

BAD language causes more offence to television viewers than either sex or violence, but not as much as it used to, a survey by the Independent Television Commission has found.

Complaints in all areas were lower in 1990 than at any time in the Eighties. While bad language overtook violence as the main cause of complaint last year, the numbers offended by instances on ITV and BBC1 have dropped significantly.

The study did not assess whether the drop in complaints comes as a result of a change in programme output or a change in viewers' tolerance to sex, violence and bad language.

Paul Bonner, director of programme planning at the ITV Association, said: "ITV home-grown material has not changed at all, but we have been more careful with acquired material, dubbing it to ensure no offence is caused. No doubt public taste has changed as well."

Only 16 per cent of adults surveyed complained about bad language on ITV, down from 20 per cent in 1989, while complaints against BBC1 dropped from 17 per cent to 15 per cent. The level of complaints against Channel 4 and BBC2 remained static at 15 per cent and 10 per cent respectively.

Violence on ITV offended 10 per cent of the population last year, compared with 15 per cent in 1989. Only 6 per cent complained of violence on BBC2, compared with 9 per cent for Channel 4 and 10 per cent for BBC1.

Only 11 per cent of the population complained about sex on BBC1, ITV and Channel 4. BBC2, which broadcast the controversial *Oranges Are Not The Only Fruit* and *Portrait of a Marriage*, offended 7 per cent of those surveyed.

The results of the twentieth *Attitudes to Television* annual survey suggest that the Broadcasting Standards Council, the new statutory watchdog charged with handling complaints about sex, violence and bad taste on television, will have a lighter workload than predicted.

The great majority of the 1,073 adult television viewers surveyed, who were interviewed in their homes, said that they were never offended by television. BBC2 was considered the least offensive channel, with 81 per cent saying they had no cause for complaint. ITV and BBC1, the most watched channels, attracted the most complaints: 71 per cent were not offended by ITV and 73 per cent were not offended by BBC1.

The council, which is to launch a study on bad language later this year, said most of its complaints, however, still related to that issue. Katherine Lannon, of the council, said: "It still is a matter of great concern to viewers, particularly before the 9pm family viewing watershed."

The survey, which also assessed viewers' perceptions of political bias on television, disclosed a significant drop in those detecting lack of impartiality on all channels. However, it showed that BBC1 is regarded as the most politically biased channel. Thirty-one per cent of respondents said that it favoured a political party, down from 37 per cent in 1989, but the nature of the bias was disputed. Twenty-two per cent said BBC1 favoured the Conservatives, while 6 per cent detected Labour leanings. Of the 15 per cent who alleged bias on ITV, 7 per cent thought it was pro-Tory and 6 per cent considered it pro-Labour.

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# Aspirins 'can save thousands of lives'

By Thomson Prentice, medical correspondent

THE humble aspirin can save many thousands of lives a year by reducing the risks of heart attacks and strokes, according to the results of an international research project.

The role of the aspirin as a life-saving anti-coagulant has been neglected, Richard Peto, an Oxford university epidemiologist, told the annual meeting of the American College of Cardiology in Atlanta, Georgia. Mr Peto and colleagues, analysing data from more than 200 studies involving 100,000 patients, concluded that aspirin can cut the risk of a second heart attack or stroke by 25 per cent. He said half an aspirin a day would save 10,000 lives a year of every million Americans treated for heart disease or strokes, and prevent as many non-fatal attacks.

Dr Charles Hennekens, of Harvard university, who conducted the largest US study of aspirin, said the Oxford results underlined the importance of using it more widely in hospital immediately after heart attacks. However, he and Mr Peto emphasized that people should not begin taking aspirin regularly without first consulting their doctor.

Dr David Dunbabin, a neurologist at the Western General hospital, Edinburgh, said that aspirin reduced by 40 per cent the incidence of blood clots after heart surgery, heart attacks, strokes and leg operations. Dr Rory Collins, who co-ordinated the Oxford study, said aspirin cut the risks of deep vein thrombosis, that causes about 10,000 deaths a year in Britain.

Dr Nick Varey, chairman of the medical and scientific committee of the European Aspirin Foundation, said the results were impressive, "but the last thing we want people to do is go out and buy aspirin to treat themselves in the belief they will keep serious conditions at bay. They must seek medical advice".

● Tests of a potential Aids vaccine on healthy volunteers have found it to be safe and capable of stimulating immune responses, researchers report in *The Lancet* today. The compound developed by American scientists employs vaccinia virus, the basis for smallpox immunisation, as a vehicle for a genetically engineered anti-HIV agent.

The tests at Washington university, Seattle, were on 35 healthy homosexual men. The researchers say the vaccine will be most effective in people who have not been immunised against smallpox.

# Solicitor is jailed

A TRAINEE solicitor who smashed up the home of her ex-lover, a former magistrate, was jailed for six months yesterday.

Kathryn George-Harries, aged 28, broke windows, slashed furniture, clothes and a four-poster bed, causing £14,000 damage in three hours, Swansea crown court was told. Graham Partridge, aged 75, a farmer and twice a Conservative parliamentary candidate who had ended their two-year affair, discovered the destruction when he returned home late at night. During her rampage, she had also telephoned a woman friend of Mr Partridge to tell her: "I am Tart Number One". Recorder David Hale said that George-Harries had been guilty of wanton destruction and had jeopardised her career as a lawyer with a bright future. "It was not some brief tantrum but three hours of deliberate destruction of Mr Partridge's furniture, his belongings and things that were dear to him," he told her.

Tom Glanville Jones, for the defence, had earlier urged the court to place George-Harries on probation so that she could attend a Law Society disciplinary hearing next month to plead for a chance to continue with her training.

George-Harries, of Pen Morfa, Dyfed, had been remanded on bail until yesterday's hearing pending social and medical reports.

# Cruelty to animals at record levels

By William Cash

CRUELTY to animals has increased sharply to "shameful" record levels, the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals said yesterday.

Figures for 1990 cast doubt on the idea that Britain was a nation of animal-lovers, the RSPCA said. Convictions for cruelty rose to 2,608, an increase of more than 28 per cent on 1989. Malicious cruelty was singled out as the most disturbing feature of the figures.

London was the nation's black spot, with dogs as the main victims. Countrywide, offences related to dog-fighting more than tripled in the same period. The statistics challenged the idea that life down at the farm or in the countryside was kinder for animals. Injuries to donkeys and horses also tripled and cruelty to cattle, sheep, and pigs rose by 60 per cent.

Despite an increased awareness of the environment and the threat to rare species there was also an increase in offences against wildlife, mostly badgers and birds.

The RSPCA blamed the sharp rise in cruelty cases on increased levels of violence throughout society and lax regulations covering animal ownership, particularly of dogs. "People are acquiring living creatures and assuming they can abuse them and discard them as if they were a piece of fashion design," the society said. The figures were particularly worrying, the RSPCA said, because research in the United States indicated that people who as juveniles were cruel to animals graduated to more serious crimes as adults.

The society said it wanted tighter legislation to deal with the growth of criminal offences involving animals, with a mandatory ban on owning animals for any person who was convicted. Labour yesterday pledged that it would undertake a wide-ranging review of animal welfare policy. Ronald Davies, Labour MP for Caerphilly and the party's animal welfare spokesman, said that the welfare of animals in farms, homes, zoos and laboratories would be enhanced through tighter legislation.

The RSPCA said that it hoped to increase its national inspectorate up to 300 by next year at a cost of nearly £1.5 million. Richard Davies, its chief officer, said: "We are not a punitive organisation. It pains us to announce record levels of cruelty."

PETER TREVNOR

**Happy ending:** David Braybrooke, an RSPCA inspector, poses after the society's press conference in London yesterday with Pixie (left) and Mouse, two ponies being restored to health after being badly neglected

# Rosyth survival plan 'was rejected'

By Richard Ford
political correspondent

A PLAN to keep open Rosyth naval base with the loss of only 350 of the 2,050 jobs has been rejected, according to leaked documents from the defence ministry. One paper, by Vice-Admiral Sir Michael Livesay, flag officer for Scotland and Northern Ireland, outlines proposals to keep open the Firth of Forth base which would save £149 million. It is estimated that closure would save £133 million.

However, a letter rejecting the plan, said to be from the assistant chief of naval staff, says: "Unless we establish the broad possibilities now, with a remit to close as much as we can short of the dockyard, we shall miss the opportunity to achieve a necessary reduction in naval overheads."

Gordon Brown, the shadow trade secretary, whose constituency includes the base, disclosed the documents yesterday. He said they showed that far from the defence ministry looking at options to keep open Rosyth, it had rejected out of hand an alternative even when it was cheaper than closure. The ministry said that no decision had been made.

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# Major to act against party trouble stirrers

By ROBIN OAKLEY, POLITICAL EDITOR

TORY PARTY

JOHN Major is to resist efforts being made by Tory right-wingers to drive a wedge between him and Chris Patten, the man whom he appointed Conservative party chairman and who will have the key role with the policy unit director, Sarah Hogg, in writing the next election manifesto.

He has told friends that he is also determined to stop a whispering campaign against William Waldegrave, the health secretary, and to scotch suggestions that he has lost faith in his health secretary's ability.

Mr Patten ran Douglas Hurd's campaign in the Tory leadership election. But he and Mr Major have been friends since the days when they were members together of the "blue chip" dining group of ambitious young MPs from the 1979 intake.

An interview in *Marxism Today* in which Mr Patten talked of his belief in the social market has been seized upon by right wingers to claim that Mr Patten is pushing the government into "selling out" on the policies adopted during 11 years of Thatcherism. But Mr Major is expected to counter such talk by referring to the social market himself in an address on Monday to the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung.

The prime minister is growing increasingly irritated by Conservative factions that are trying in the name of keeping faith with Thatcherite philosophy to stir up trouble within the party on questions of ideological purity.

He argues that there has been and will be no deviation from the central thrust of Margaret Thatcher's policies and that such adjustments as there have been would probably have been made under her continued leadership as well.

Mr Major regards the stories that he is preparing to discard Mr Waldegrave from the cabinet as a question of disloyal colleagues "earning their lunches".

Norman Tebbit and Michael McElhatton, Olympic basketballer, marking a lottery charity payout in London yesterday

# Ministers bring back war crimes bill

THE government confirmed yesterday its commitment to prosecute suspected Nazi war criminals living in Britain by reintroducing the war crimes bill in the Commons.

The reintroduction of the bill will reopen the split between MPs and peers over the prospect of a fair trial for suspects, mostly over 70 years old, for crimes committed in German-occupied territory during the second world war.

Last June, peers rejected the bill and if they persist in opposing the new one, the government will invoke the Parliament acts to force it through. The Commons must pass the identical legislation to use the powers under the acts.

MPs will be asked to approve a motion next Tuesday to condense consideration of the bill in the Commons so that it can be go to the Lords on March 21.

Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, the former Lord Chancellor, said yesterday: "Our objections to it were ones of principle. It is retrospective, discriminatory and it will be impossible to guarantee a fair defence. It is therefore a thoroughly bad bill."

Peers are not expected to reject the bill a second time but will seek to amend it. Some peers hope an early general election would kill it off.

The Hetherington-Chalmers enquiry which preceded the bill investigated 301 allegations.

# 'Hotel wards' plan would help patients

By JILL SHERMAN AND JOHN WINDER

THE NHS

PATIENTS suffering from painful and sometimes crippling disabilities should have their operations brought forward by using hotels, schools and holiday camps as recovery wards to free National Health Service beds, MPs were told yesterday.

Sir John Wilson, head of the International Initiative on Avoidable Disability (Impact) told the first meeting of the newly formed Conservative Disability Group at Westminster that 370,000 people in England were waiting for hospital in-patient treatment for disabling conditions.

A fifth of them had been waiting for over a year and some far longer. Among them were 50,000 people who needed a cataract operation and even larger numbers of patients with preventable hearing loss or reversible crippling conditions.

Surveys had shown that of the six million disabled people in this country, two-thirds were over 60 years old and half were over 70. Further steps should be taken to prevent disability in order to break the link between age and disability, by making better use of community resources.

In the past few months more than 600 NHS patients had cataract operations through a scheme pioneered by Impact. Immediately after surgery patients were transferred to hotels, schools, clubs or holiday camps, with round-the-clock nursing, he said. Voluntary support services were provided by the community.

The organisation has asked the health department for "modest core funds" to expand the scheme.

Sir John also called for laws prohibiting discrimination against the disabled and the appointment of an ombudsman, preferably someone disabled, to hear social security appeals. "What is really needed is structural change and a long-term effort to achieve, in a modern democracy, a cultural climate which accepts disability as part of a normal pattern of life."

☐ **DEFEAT:** The government suffered a 22-vote defeat in the House of Lords last night when peers from all sides united in an attempt to continue the life of the independent living fund beyond the five years' it was given when it was set up in 1988.

The defeat was on an amendment to the disability living allowance and working allowance bill, which would give local authorities the responsibility for care of the 7,000 severely disabled people helped by the fund with its £62 million income.

**Lord Henderson of Brompton**, an independent peer who moved the amendment, said that the money allocated to local authorities for the purpose might become "lost in the wash".

**Lord Winstanley** (Lib-Dem) said that those dependent on the fund would not be reassured by the transfer to local authorities, wherever they lived and whatever the nature of their local authority.

**Lord Carter**, for the Labour party, said that community care funding for local authorities was inadequate now and if it was not ring-fenced (so that the money could not be used for other purposes) the money would disappear.

## Steroid move to help young

The supplying of anabolic steroids, the strength-enhancing drug sometimes used by weightlifters, is to be made an offence, Kenneth Baker, the home secretary, told MPs.

He said that it was not intended to make possession of the drug an offence under the Misuse of Drugs Act because it was not addictive, but it did have dangerous side effects, particularly for young people in training. The Home Office was also initiating further research and increasing education about the drug.

## Vigilance call

Kenneth Baker, home secretary, told MPs that the threat from Middle East terrorism had not diminished with the end of the Gulf war and he called for vigilance. "Although hostilities have now ceased, it would be imprudent for us to believe that international terrorism is going to cease, from the Middle East or from other countries", he said.

## TV pledge

A Labour government would exempt all low-income groups, including pensioners, from the television licence fee, Robin Corbett, Opposition spokesman on broadcasting, said. To pay for such a measure, each set in hotels and commercial premises would attract a fee.

## House ale

MPs are to have the opportunity of drinking real ale at the House of Commons. Richard Tracey (Surbiton, C) said that a London brewery had agreed to install real ale in some of the bars after Easter.

## Oil rigs bill

A bill to extend security of employment and health and safety legislation to offshore oil workers while on rigs or travelling to and from them was introduced in the Commons by Tony Benn, Labour MP for Chesterfield and a former energy secretary. The measure has little chance of becoming law.

## Easter recess

Both Houses of Parliament will rise for the Easter recess on Thursday March 28 and return on Monday April 15.

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# Renewed pressure on government to scrap the poll tax

By Douglas Broom, Local Government Correspondent

**COUNCIL CASH**

MICHAEL Heseltine, the environment secretary, came under renewed pressure yesterday to scrap the community charge and replace it with a property tax based on the capital value of properties.

Two leading local government professional bodies joined the National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux in calling for a swift reform of local government finance.

There was, however, some comfort for Mr Heseltine in a survey conducted for the BBC that found that the average poll tax in England and Wales would be £386, only £6 more than the government's target figure.

A study by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy for the Radio Four *Today* programme bore out the findings of a survey by *The Times* last month that councils were cutting spending to keep bills down. The institute's findings suggest that Opposition predictions of average poll tax bills of more than £400 in April will not be fulfilled.

The institute surveyed 283 councils, 70 per cent of all local authorities. The survey found that the average figure for England alone would be £393, a 10 per cent increase over this financial year, while bills in Wales would average £263, a 13 per cent rise.

The biggest increase will be in Scotland where councils have completed their budget-setting. At £422 a head, the average poll tax bill north of the border will be 29 per cent higher than this year's. Overall, the survey found that poll tax bills on the British mainland would average £389 from April, a 12 per cent rise, and within government targets.

Despite the positive tone of the survey, the citizens advice bureaux, in a report on the impact of the tax in London, said that the community charge was having a serious impact on those least able to pay.

Pensioners, the disabled and the growing number of people in debt were being worst affected by large bills. Some people were even losing their homes because they could not afford to pay the poll tax on top of rent or mortgage payments.

The report said that even those who were eligible for rebates were not getting them because the complexity of the poll tax system had caused paralysis in town halls. The association called for immediate poll tax exemption for the poorest members of society who have to pay 20 per cent of the charge and for non-earning spouses. It also urged an improved system of rebates for those on low incomes.

Among the cases cited in the report was that of an 82-year-old south London man on a £56 a week pension who was living on cornflakes because he did not realise that he was entitled to a rebate on his £32-a-month poll tax bill.

In separate submissions to Mr Heseltine's poll tax review, the Institute of Revenues, Rating and Valuation and the Society of County Treasurers both called for the replacement of the community charge with a property tax.

The revenues institute said that poll tax was costing £471 million a year to collect, almost two and a half times the cost of collecting the rates and £70 million more than government estimates.

# Way clear for council layoffs

By Douglas Broom and Peter Davenport

THE High Court cleared the way yesterday for councils to lay off thousands of staff to keep poll tax bills down. The court refused to impose a blanket ban on dismissals made to meet government spending limits.

Lord Justice Nolan refused to grant Nalgo, the local government officers' union, an order quashing plans by Labour-controlled Hammersmith and Fulham council in west London to make 80 housing benefit officers redundant. The judge said that the court could not strike down the whole job reduction scheme and advised individuals who thought they had been treated unfairly to take their cases to industrial tribunals.

As the judgment was being given in London, Labour-run Sheffield city council announced that it had set a budget that will lead to the loss of 1,900 jobs in order to keep within government spending targets.

The poll tax in the city will rise by £5 a head to £360. The council plans to spend a total of £381 million in the next financial year, an increase of £5 million.

Howard Knight, chairman of the council's finance committee, said that the council had used £51 million of reserves to avoid capping this financial year and would use all that remained, about £26 million, to balance the books in 1991-2.

# Heseltine meeting reveals deep split

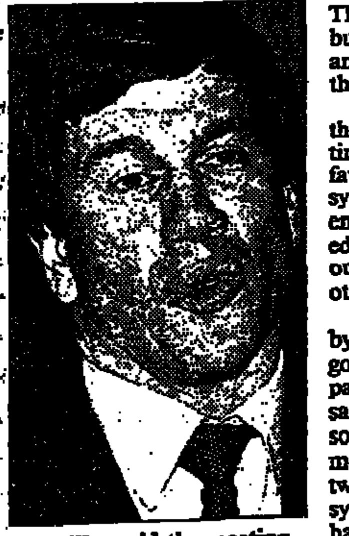
By Nicholas Wood, Political Correspondent

**THE POLL TAX**

A DEEP split in the ranks of the government has been exposed by a private meeting between Michael Heseltine and junior and middle-ranking ministers over the future of the community charge.

The hour-long session involving about forty ministers broke up without any agreement over whether to scrap the poll tax and replace it with a property tax. Mr Heseltine left his audience with the impression that his proposal for a hybrid tax made up of a property tax and a flat-rate "personal premium" totalling no more than £200 remains his preference.

After individual talks with his colleagues, the environment secretary told the whips later that most ministers were in favour of abandoning the poll tax.



Portillo: said the meeting was "a draw"

Details of the meeting emerged as ministers and Tory backbenchers braced themselves for a poor result in the Ribble Valley by-election, which has turned into a referendum on the poll tax. Sources close to the environment secretary suggested that if the Liberal Democrats overturned the 19,500 Conservative majority, the poll tax would be dead.

It was also disclosed that among the many options before Mr Heseltine is one allowing for immediate abolition of the poll tax and its replacement with a 7 per cent increase in value-added tax. The practicalities are unclear, but it might be possible to announce the VAT increase in the Budget this month.

According to one source, at the meeting with Mr Heseltine, ten ministers spoke in favour of retaining the present system by modifying it to ensure that bills were markedly lower. Eight demanded outright abolition and two others were undecided.

The mood was summed up by Michael Portillo, the local government minister, who passed Mr Heseltine a note saying: "It's a draw". But sources close to the environment secretary said that only two ministers, Michael Forsyth and Christopher Chope, had spoken strongly in favour of the present system.

# Parliament next week

The main business in the House of Commons next week is expected to be:
Monday: Debate on London regional transport.
Tuesday: Planning and compensation bill, second reading. Procedural motion on war crimes bill.
Wednesday: Debate on opposition motion on hospitals.
Thursday: Debate on motion of Easter adjournment and consolidated fund bill, when a variety of topics can be raised.
Friday: Private member's motion on pollution in the Gulf.

The main business in the Lords is expected to be:
Monday: Disability living allowance and disability working allowance bill, committee, second day.
Tuesday: Criminal justice bill, second reading.
Wednesday: Debates on the role of parents and governors in education and on government statistics.
Thursday: Child support bill, committee.

## Parliament today

Commons (9.30): Debate on private member's motion on leasehold reform.

# Speaker for the foot soldiers

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

WHEN Bernard "Jack" Weatherill, whose plan to retire from Parliament at the next election will require the choice of a new Speaker, arrived at Westminster he heard one Tory grandee say to another "What's this place coming to? They've got my tailor in here now."

The son of a crippled journeyman tailor who followed his father into the clothing business, Jack Weatherill has carried among his Speaker's finery the thimble reminding him of his origin. A long-time Tory whip but never a ministerial star, when he was elected in 1983 he was the Commons candidate who had succeeded against the establishment: Margaret Thatcher had unwisely let it be known she would have liked Francis Pym or Humphrey Atkins.

Perhaps in consequence, he has been a Speaker for the poor bloody infantry. He said yesterday: "I was chosen by backbenchers, it is my duty to look after backbenchers".

Jack Weatherill has been determined to keep Parliament as the forum of the nation. In his last session as Speaker George Thomas granted seven private-notice questions. In his first, Mr Weatherill granted forty-eight. He lets questions after statements run on, oblivious of the convenience of ministers.

Asked by the executive to agree to an injunction banning the showing of the Zircon affair film to a group of MPs, Mr Weatherill agreed only for a day and only on the understanding that MPs debated the matter. When they did, he allowed a manuscript amendment by Tony Benn, who then won the debate against the government in a speech the Speaker calls one of the best in his time. He keeps a private list of MPs whose speeches have turned a debate: intriguingly there are 15 names on it for this Parliament.

He has not been fussed about the robust nature of Commons exchanges. When Neil Kinnock told Mrs Thatcher during the Clive Ponting affair "I do not believe you" and Tory MPs said this was calling her a liar, the Speaker responded: "The expression is used in the House almost daily". He says that it is far better to have rows on the floor of the House than bombs in the streets and argues that, in historical terms, this is the best behaved House of Commons ever.

# Oil rig safety for HSE

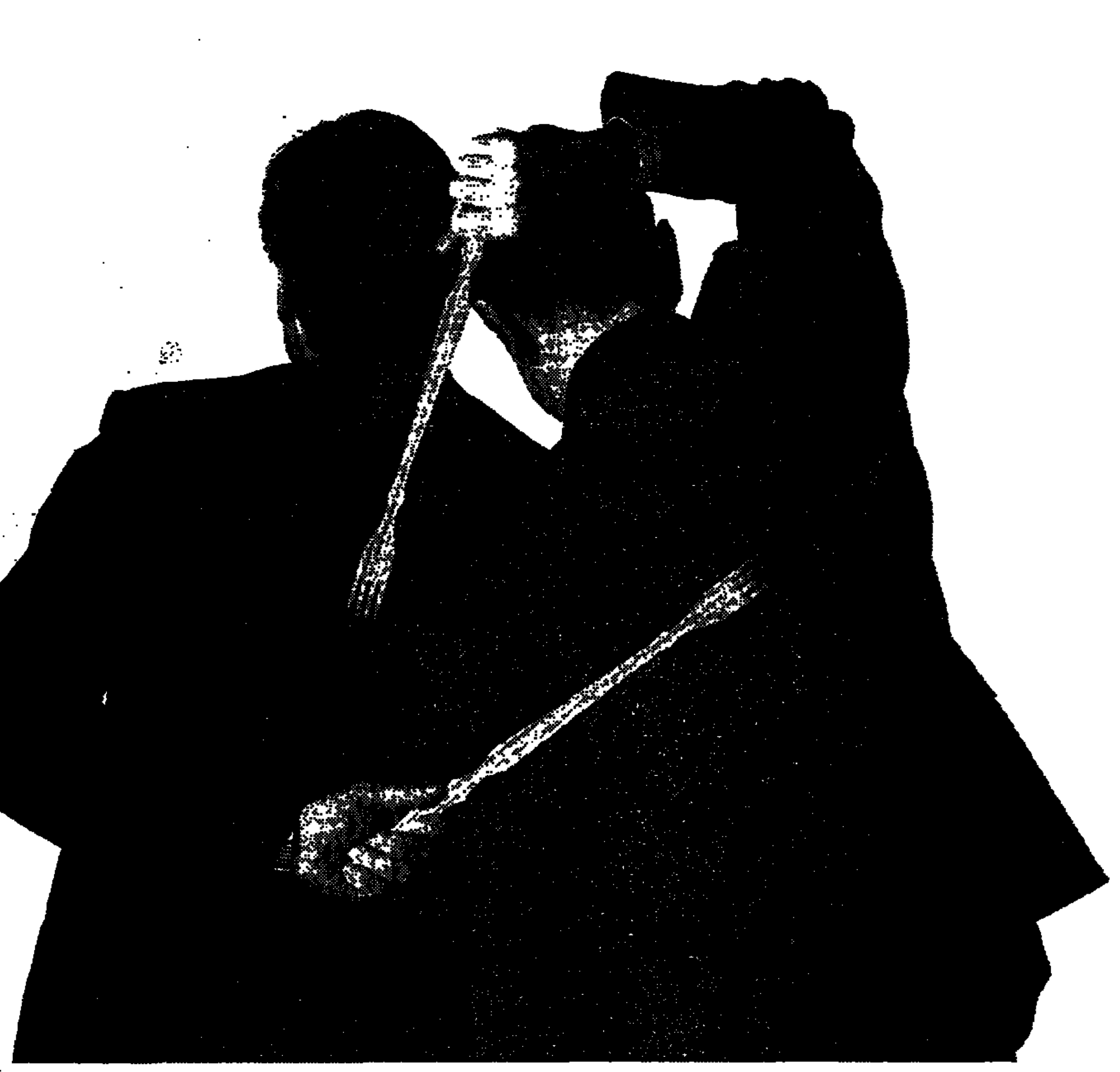
By Peter Mulligan

**PIPER ALPHA**

RESPONSIBILITY for safety on oil rigs in the North Sea is likely to pass from the government to the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) next month, MPs were told yesterday.

The prediction was made by **John Wakeham**, energy secretary, during a debate on the report by Lord Cullen into the explosion and fire on the Piper Alpha rig in the North Sea in which 167 men died. His announcement, in line with the recommendations made by Lord Cullen after the disaster in July 1988, was received coolly by Labour whose MPs allege that rig workers are blacklisted for raising safety concerns.

**Frank Dobson**, shadow energy secretary, described the transfer as necessary but not sufficient. He accused the HSE of conniving with British Coal to reduce safety standards in coal mines. "There is no guarantee of North Sea safety simply because of the transfer of responsibility. There needs to be a commitment", he said. The HSE needed more funds



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# Mandela trial witness says he was forced to join murder attempt

From GAVIN BELL IN JOHANNESBURG

VICTIMS of alleged assaults at the home of Winnie Mandela were ordered to wash their blood from an empty jacuzzi and participate in the attempted murder of another man, it was claimed yesterday.

Kenneth Kgase, aged 31, the prosecution's principal witness in the trial of Mrs Mandela and three others, said he had been given "no option" by Jerry Richardson, leader of Mrs Mandela's bodyguards.

Describing the aftermath of alleged beatings by Mrs Mandela and others, he said: "In the morning we washed the room and the surface of the jacuzzi. Jerry told us to. There was blood all over the jacuzzi." They were instructed to wash their tattered clothes and wipe blood from paving beneath an outside wall.

Mr Kgase claimed that Richardson also said one of his friends, Stompie Moeketsi Seipei, aged 14, might be "dumped" as a police informer. Asked by Mr Justice Stegmann to explain, he said: "He meant he was not going to live long." The next night Richardson told Stompie he was being taken home and asked him to write his address. They left together and Mr Kgase never saw his friend again. Richardson was sentenced to death last August for Stompie's murder.

Mr Kgase said that a few days later he and two other young men, allegedly abducted from a church mission in Soweto, were ordered to accompany Richardson and other members of Mrs Mandela's so-called football club on a manhunt. They eventually found the man they were looking for, Andrew Ikaneng, and Richardson said they were taking him to "momma" (Mrs Mandela) because she wanted to see him. However, Mr Ikaneng tried to escape.

"He was not a good runner," Mr Kgase said. "He got several slaps. Under a bridge there was a little stream, and next to it was an open piece of land with no grass. Jerry said this would be a good place to kill a dog, and he told us to hold Ikaneng down." Richardson stabbed the man twice in the neck with garden shears and told Mr Kgase to throw the body into the reeds. Unknown to them, Mr Ikaneng survived.

Asked why he had participated in the assault and had not run away, Mr Kgase said: "I wish I could. I did not know what was happening. It was all unforeseen." He said he escaped on January 7,1989, nine days after being abducted, when he was posted on guard duty outside Mrs Mandela's home.

Cross-examined by defence counsel, Mr Kgase denied allegations of sexual misconduct at the church mission and rejected suggestions he could have escaped sooner.

● **Exiles return:** The first group of political exiles to return to South Africa from camps in neighbouring black states arrived in Johannesburg to a rousing welcome from friends and relatives yesterday. The group of 109, aged between 20 and 40, flew in from Lusaka. *(Reuter)*

**Defiant exit: Winnie Mandela, wife of Nelson Mandela, the deputy president of the African National Congress, giving a black power salute as she leaves court yesterday where she is being tried on charges of kidnap and assault**

# Election likeliest course in Delhi

From CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

PRESIDENT Venkataraman summoned political leaders to his palace in central Delhi yesterday before deciding whether to call India's tenth general election since independence after Chandra Shekhar's surprise resignation as prime minister. It seemed last night that the uncertainty would continue for days.

An election appeared the most likely course, despite divisions within Rajiv Gandhi's Congress (I) party over whether it should seek to form a coalition government.

Mr Gandhi said that he does not want to do so, doubtless because he has been unable to muster enough would-be defectors from other parties. The party, which has 194 MPs in the 545-seat Lok Sabha, had been supporting the Chandra Shekhar administration.

Mr Venkataraman wants parliament to pass an interim budget, which will allow the government to spend money for another four months from April 1, before announcing his decision. All parties have expressed their eagerness to pass the budget with a minimum of delay, and that may be completed on Monday. Other vital business also has to be dealt with, including the continuation of direct rule from Delhi over the state of Punjab.

The coming days will give parties more time for attempted horsetrading. But unless Mr Gandhi changes his mind, there seems little option but for the president to announce an election, probably to be held around May. A national government has been mooted, but the president does not seem to favour it.

An election would settle two questions: whether the Nehru dynasty is finally losing its political grip, and whether the new phenomenon of Hindu religious extremism truly is a serious political force.

The one common strand among competing parties is their repugnance at Hinduism being turned into a political weapon. The other question is linked to Mr Gandhi's personal performance. He has confused the electorate with conflicting positions over low-caste job reservations and his declared support for a government that he undermined and ultimately toppled.

# Chinese pigsty hid 19 illegal children

From CATHERINE SAMPSON IN PEKING

A CHINESE butcher discovered a new use for pigs when he decided to move into a sty and turn it into an unofficial maternity ward which operated for seven years in violation of all birth control policies.

According to the *Peasants' Daily* newspaper yesterday, the pigsty became a "paradise for the birth guerrilla unit", referring to the families who gathered there to have children hidden from officials who would fine them.

It all started when the butcher, Dong Fei, moved to Shihezi in China's northwestern autonomous region of Xinjiang. In 1983 he wandered into a wood and there came upon a pigsty. It struck him that this place, though filthy, was ideal for raising a family. He moved his wife and child in, and within two years she had given birth to two daughters. Their confidence grew as they discovered that nobody came to investigate.

The pigsty was just 200 yards from the local government offices. But not only did officials fail to put a stop to what was going on, they even supplied the pigsty with electricity and water.

But Dong Fei was thinking of moving to a more desirable location. He consulted a fortune-teller first, who said that as long as he lived in a pigsty housing a sow his wife would only give birth to girls. So Dong Fei's family moved in with the neighbour, who was a boar. Sure enough, Dong's wife produced a boy. Dong Fei was so pleased that he invited relatives from distant provinces to join them. They came forth and they multiplied. Soon there were 13 households communing with nature, with 19 forbidden children.

Then officialdom decided last August that enough was enough and bulldozed the pigsty, evicting the families. The message to the *Peasants' Daily* was clear: do not even think about moving into a pigsty and having innumerable babies, however nice it sounds, you will not get away with it.

# Shooting shuts airport in Somalia

**Nairobi** — Mogadishu airport has been closed after four or five people were killed in a shooting incident on Wednesday night, aid workers arriving in Nairobi said. The closure threatens the delivery of medical supplies needed for victims of Somalia's civil war.

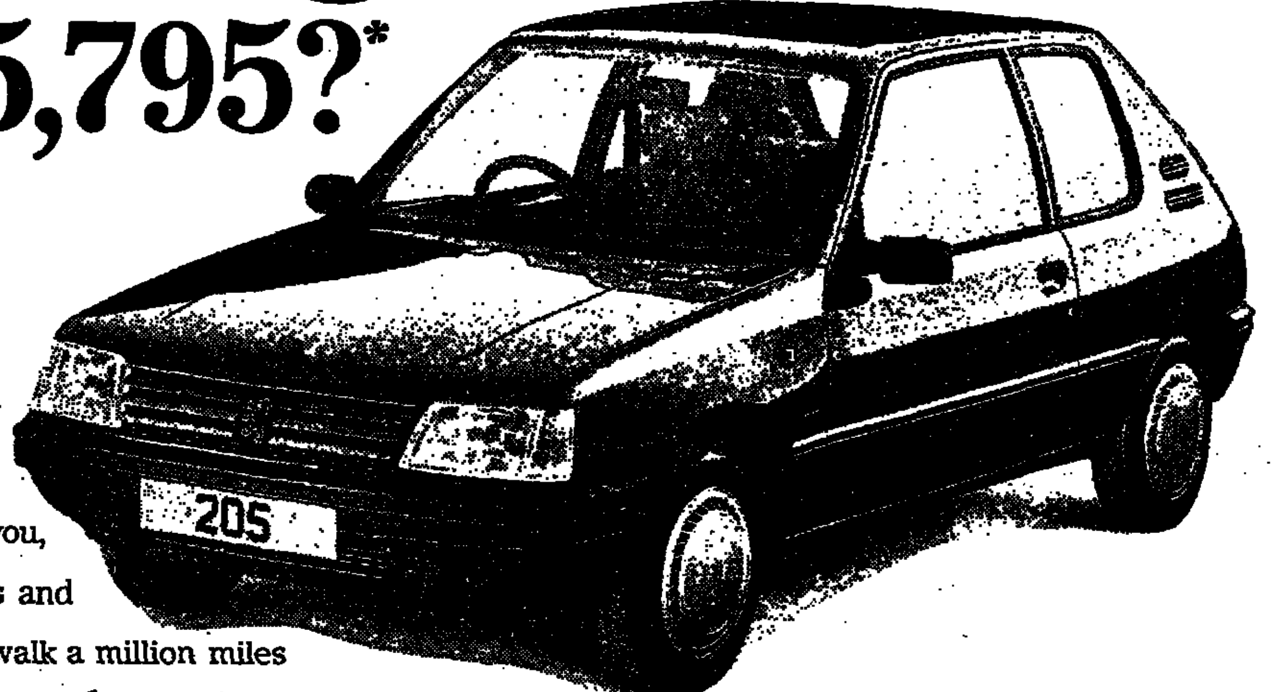
The aid workers said shooting broke out when a group of Somalis hoping to flee the country tried to push their way on board an Italian relief aircraft. *(Reuter)*

## Prisoners freed

**Nouakchott** — Mauritania announced an amnesty for all remaining political prisoners. Among those freed were the remainder of 100 black army and naval officers, customs inspectors and other government officials jailed last November after an alleged coup. *(Reuter)*

## Bomb charge

**Sydney** — Three 15-year-old schoolboys will stand trial in a district court on a charge of attaching a bomb to the petrol tank of their teacher's car to try to "blow her brains out", a magistrate's court in Albury, New South Wales, was told. *(Reuter)*



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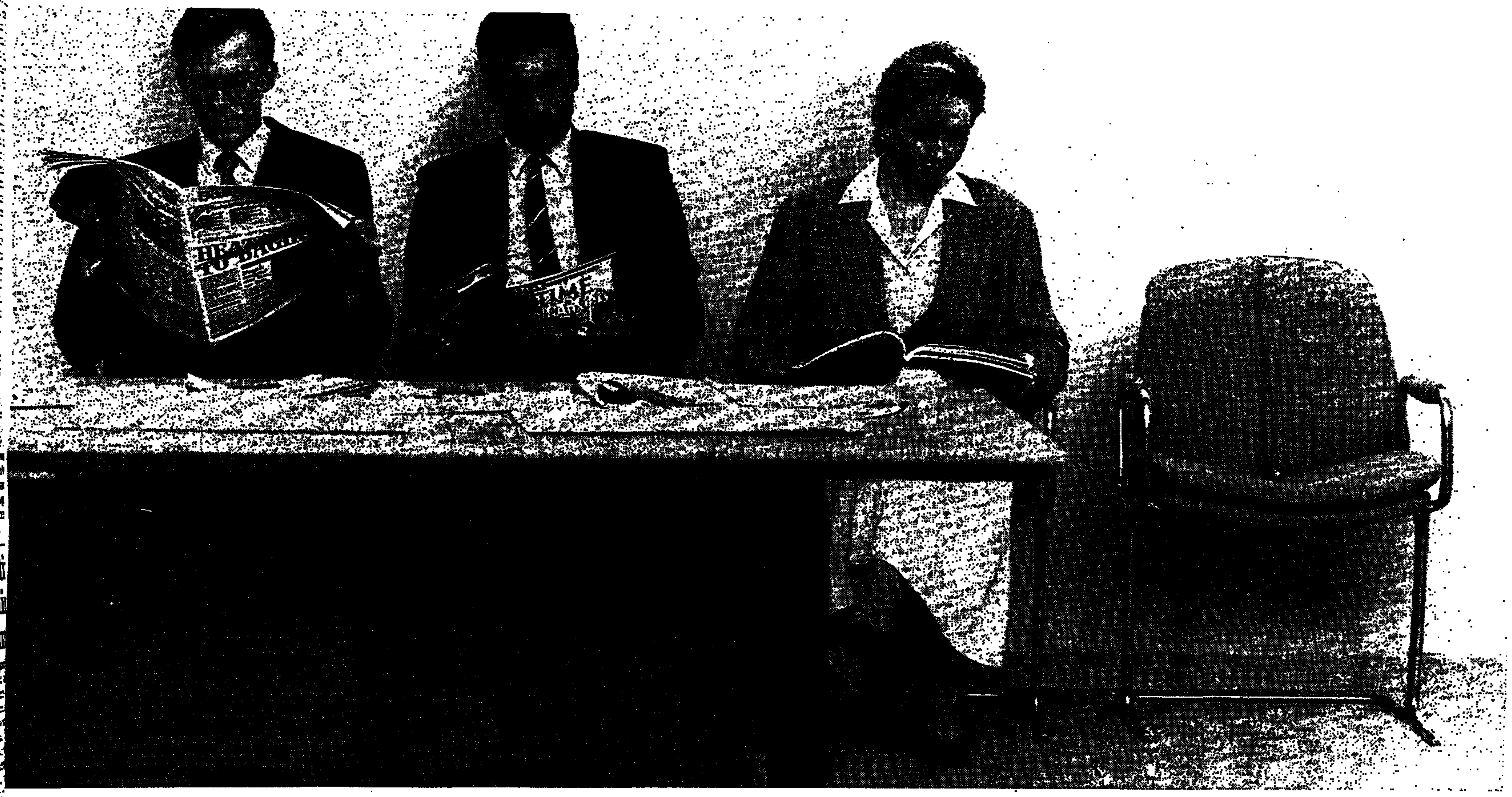

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# Delors finds his dream of federal Europe is fading

From GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS

ALONG with the European Community, Jacques Delors has lost momentum. He earned his power and prestige by using the 1992 single market project to relaunch a drifting economic community in the mid-1980s. As governments reassert themselves, the president of the commission is not the power he once was.

M Delors has been in losing minorities three times during the past three months inside his own commission — a high loss rate for such a shrewd operator. The last occasion was a failed attempt to throw more money at the surging cost of farm subsidies. Those who deal with him say that he is morose. "He has an image as a man with iron self-control and restraint, but he is in fact extraordinarily emotional," said a diplomat who sees him frequently.

Last night, delivering his first speech in Britain since he addressed the TUC in 1988 and infuriated Margaret Thatcher, M Delors chose the single most sensitive issue which is dividing a community coming to terms with the global upheavals of the past two years. To conjure the vision of a united Europe on the world stage, as he did before the International Institute for Strategic Studies, is to broach one of the the most basic questions about the purpose of European integration. Amid all the legal and bureaucratic paraphernalia of the EC's current intergovernmental conferences, two key points have to be settled.

Firstly, is European integration to proceed with America or independent of it? Secondly, how are the Twelve to decide common policies — unanimously or binding decisions by majority vote? Assuming the community does not crash on the way to setting up the single market or reforming the common agricultural policy, its future shape and direction will be determined by the answers to these questions.

M Delors is at least clear about his own answers. He wants a Europe which can act geopolitically as America's equal and independent partner. The only way that it can do this is by abandoning a system which rests on the willing co-operation of sovereign states and take majority-vote decisions. M Delors is more realistic than many federalists about the long transition which would be necessary to break down the old habits of national independence but he is clear about where Europe should end up. He would like others to be equally hardheaded. Because of the distractions of the Gulf war, Western capitals are only waking up slowly to the size of the issues now in play.

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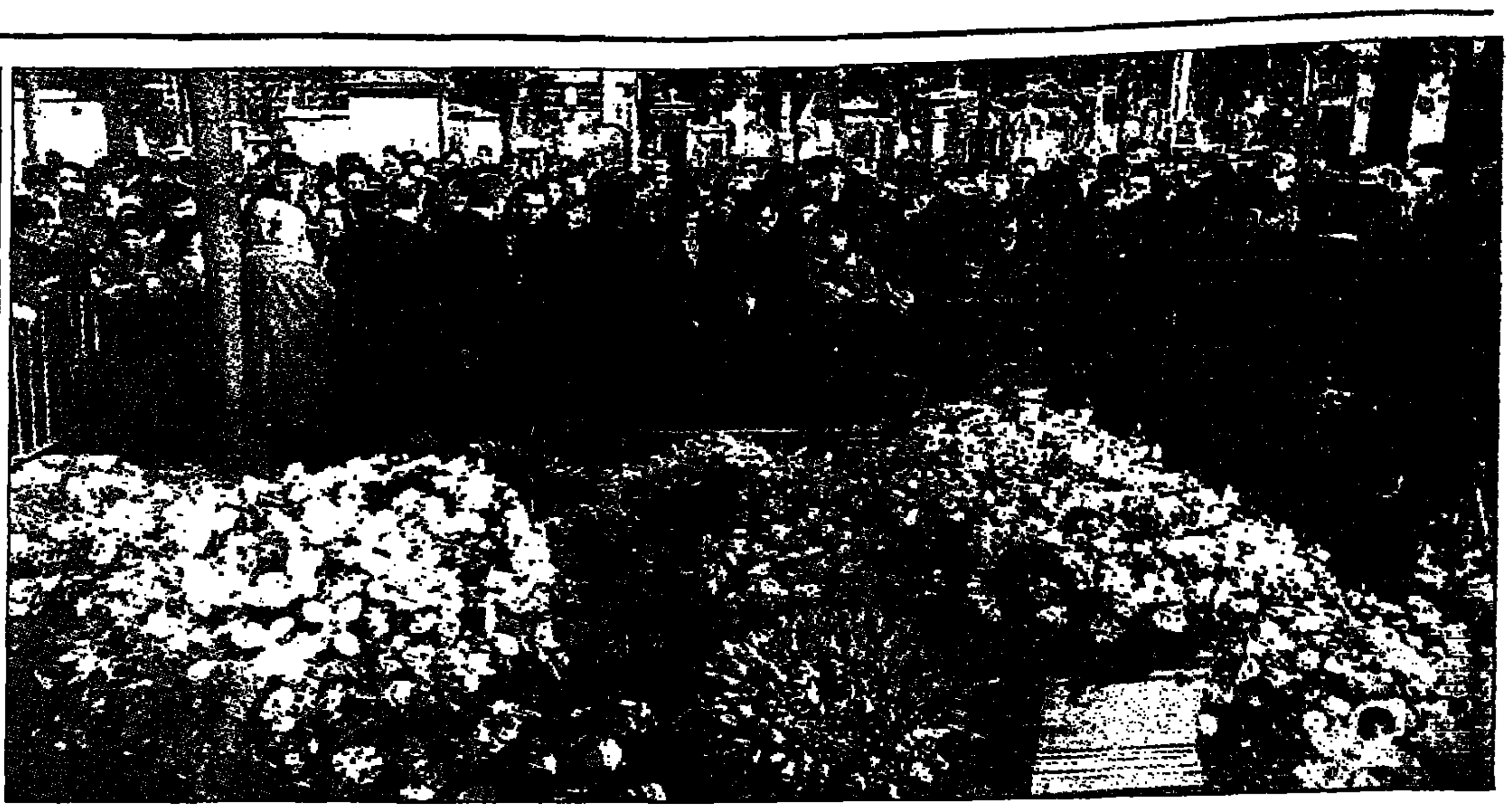
# Socialists threaten to block EC union

From PETER GUILFORD IN BRUSSELS

SOCIALIST members of the European Parliament have threatened to sabotage the creation of a joint European foreign and security policy and a single currency unless European Community governments satisfy MEPs' demands for more powers.

Jean-Pierre Cot, leader of the Euro-socialists, which have a near-majority, said yesterday the parliament would refuse to ratify any enlargement of the EC's Treaty of Rome, which is being revised.

The threat would be empty but for the apparent support of Italy. M Cot claims he has been assured by Gianni De Michelis, the foreign minister, that Italian MPs will also refuse to sign the amended treaty. This could render any revised treaty null and void.



Floral finale: Parisians attending the funeral of Serge Gainsbourg at Montparnasse cemetery yesterday as, right, Jane Birkin is comforted by Catherine Deneuve

# Adieu to Gainsbourg

From JOHN PHILLIPS IN PARIS

FANS stricken with grief solemnly placed packets of cigarettes and a bottle of whisky among wreaths and flowers piled on the coffin of Serge Gainsbourg, the decadent French singer and songwriter, at the Montparnasse cemetery yesterday.

Hundreds of mourners clambered onto nearby tombstones to peer at the remains of the "man with the cabbage head", who died on Saturday aged 62, from a heart attack at his home in the Latin Quarter.

Someone had brought a cassette player, and so scores of the bereaved climbed on to the surrounding family crypts and swayed to the strains of such favourites from the chain smoking and whisky-loving crooner as *Love on the Beat*.

By the end of the day, thousands of Parisians, some pushing prams and others in wheelchairs, had flocked to the cemetery to pay their last respects to the *provocateur* who was notorious for burning a 500-franc note on stage and singing a reggae version of the *Marseillaise*.

Young couples cried during one of the biggest demonstrations of public grief for a singer since the death of Edith Piaf. Other admirers sat down on mossy tombstones and rolled marijuana cigarretts to take the edge off their bereavement.

The day began when Jack Lang, the long-haired minister of culture presided over an unexpectedly formal ceremony together with Jane Birkin, Gainsbourg's former English girlfriend, the actresses, Catherine Deneuve and Isabelle Adjani, as well as the veteran French rock singers, Eddy Mitchell and Johnny Halliday.

Gainsbourg's young son, Lucien, looked bewildered sitting on the knee of his model mother Bambou, who was Gainsbourg's last companion. The 45-minute rites were held ahead of schedule so that about 50 relatives and close friends were able to dodge photographers outside the cemetery gates.

Catherine Deneuve brought tears to the eyes of M Lang and Michelle Rocard, the wife of the prime minister, when she read the words from a Grainsbourg song, written for Miss Birkin, entitled *Flying From Happiness Before It Saves Itself*. Police waited until the show business personalities had left before they allowed Parisians in. Many mourners were too young to remember anything other than their hero's last songs. But one elderly woman said she had "loved Gainsbourg since the beginning" for his lyrics, but also because "he had the frankness to say anything he wanted".

Among the wreaths on the simple wooden coffin were two sent from police stations on the Left Bank. Gainsbourg used to visit the policemen stationed near his apartment to smoke and chat before breakfast after his favourite cabarets closed.

Alan Coren, page 14

# Rape used as method of torture

By MICHAEL KNIPE
DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

A REPORT calling for an end to the "barbaric" abuse of women by state security forces in every region of the world is published by Amnesty International today to mark international women's day

"The world's torturers, executioners and jailers are no less cruel to women," says Amnesty. "No torture is deemed too barbaric to be inflicted on women, no term of arbitrary imprisonment too long." The report contends that rape is "one of the most common methods soldiers and prison guards use to torture women".

"Rape is sometimes the torture method of choice simply because the social stigma in many cultures virtually guarantees that women won't talk about it afterwards," the organisation said, detailing abuses inflicted on women in more than 40 countries.

## Ballot blow to Lubbers

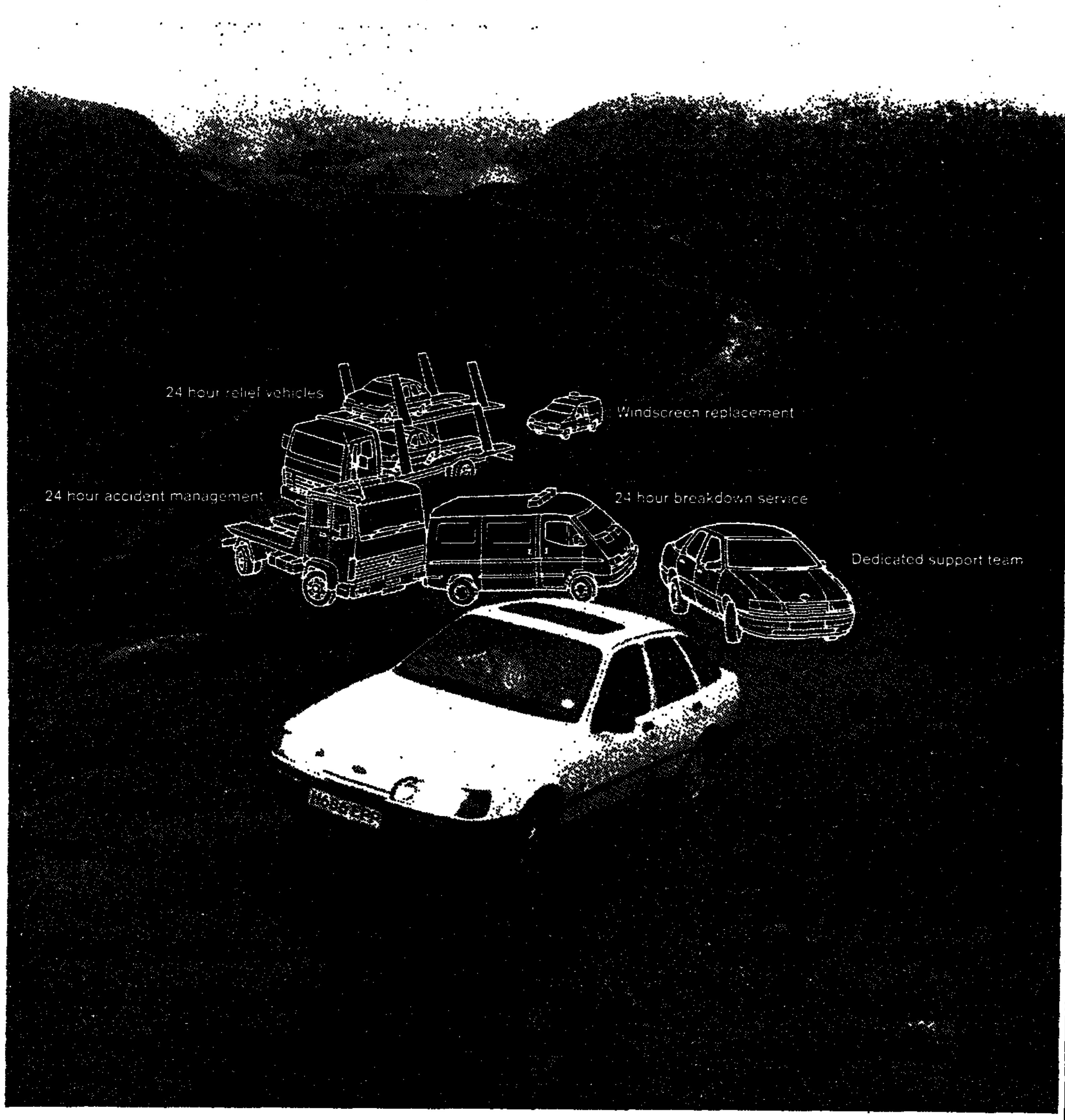
**The Hague** — The Dutch centre-left coalition led by Ruud Lubbers has suffered losses in provincial elections seen as a test of national popularity. The ballot was held a week after the government proposed raising public transport fares and cutting rent subsidies. *(Reuter)*

## Daughter freed

**Delhi** — Muslim guerrillas in Kashmir freed an Indian MP's daughter who was abducted a week ago to gain freedom for five jailed comrades, the Press Trust of India reported. It said Nahida Imtiaz, aged 28, was released by the outlawed Jammu and Kashmir Students' Liberation Front in Srinagar. *(AFP)*

## Passport sale

**Auckland** — Five months after fleeing into exile, Imelda Marcos, the deposed Philippines first lady, her daughter, Aimee, and son, Ferdinand, became naturalised citizens of Tonga. They took advantage of a controversial passport sales scheme later pronounced illegal. *(AFP)*



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# Dispute puts the poll on Soviet future in disarray

From Mary Dejevsky in Moscow

ARRANGEMENTS for the Soviet Union's first nationwide referendum appeared to be in confusion yesterday when it emerged that the wording of the all-important question was in dispute and had been passed to legal experts. With only ten days to go, however, senior officials were adamant the referendum would take place on time.

First signs of the dispute came on Wednesday evening when Nursultan Nazarbayev, president of the Central Asian republic of Kazakhstan, told Soviet television that the Council of the Federation, the country's top executive body, had agreed on rewording the original question to make it simpler and more precise.

Although he did not point this it out, the new wording also gave the more independence-minded republics much of what they had demanded, describing the Soviet Union as a "union of equal sovereign states" rather than a "renewed federation of equal sovereign republics". Reformist and nationalist leaders regard a state as enjoying greater independence than a republic. Soviet officials had insisted that the formulation of the question had been approved once and for all by the full Soviet parliament in December. Mr Nazarbayev's interview suggested that pressure from the republics and the gathering campaign for a "no" vote had caused Mr Gorbachev to change his mind.

The new question quoted by the Kazakh leader asked: "Do you consider it necessary to preserve the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics as a union of equal sovereign states?" Reporting to parliament yesterday, Mr Gorbachev made no mention of any change.

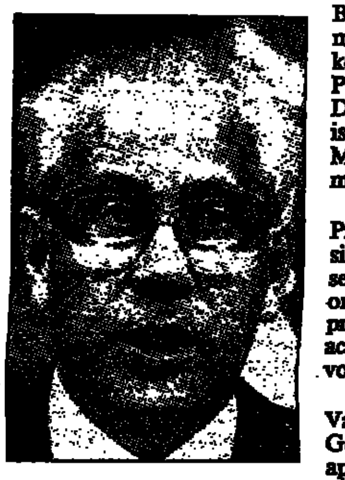
From conversations in the parliament lobby yesterday it transpired that Kazakhstan was threatening not to hold the referendum unless the new wording applied. A committee of lawyers, led by Anatoli Lukyanov, chairman of the Soviet parliament, is trying to decide whether the new wording is compatible with the old. If it was, any republic could use the new wording.

● **Radical appointed:** In a gesture to radicals at home and disappointed supporters of perestroika abroad, President Gorbachev yesterday nominated Vadim Bakatin, the former interior minister, as a member of his new security council. Mr Bakatin was removed from office last November after pressure from conservatives, who accused him of being soft on crime. Mr Bakatin was one of nine nominees for the body.

Gennadi Yanayev, the Soviet vice-president, and Valentin Pavlov, the prime minister, were nominated and confirmed members of the council, together with Aleksandr Bessmertnykh, the foreign minister, Vladimir Kryuchkov, head of the KGB, Boris Pugo, interior minister, Dmitri Yazov, defence minister, and Yevgeni Primakov, Mr Gorbachev's special diplomatic envoy.

The nomination of Mr Primakov , whose Iraq missions failed to bring a Gulf settlement, was not approved on the first vote and was presented again at Mr Gorbachev's insistence. A second vote gave him a big majority.

The ninth nomination, Valeri Boldin, head of Mr Gorbachev's office, was not approved on the first or second vote and his inclusion will be reconsidered later.



Lukyanov: to decide if wording is compatible

Off the record: President Gorbachev, right, talking to Gennadi Yanayev, the vice-president, during a break in discussions yesterday on the wording of the nationwide referendum on independence to be held on March 17

# Moscow in price squeeze

From Bruce Clark in Moscow

THE radical-controlled municipality of Moscow is being driven towards bankruptcy by the government policy of raising or freeing wholesale prices while keeping most retail prices fixed, the head of the city executive said yesterday.

"These last two months have reduced the city to a very poor state. Either we will have to return to old wholesale prices or retail prices will have to be raised," said Yuri Luzhkov, who is jointly responsible for managing Moscow with Gavriil Popov, the city council chairman and leading Soviet reformer.

Mr Luzhkov said the Moscow Underground, whose grandiose architecture, cleanliness and efficiency make it one of the showpieces of the Soviet capital, might soon be forced to treble its standard fare from the present five kopecks (5p at the official rate).

# Kohl under fire over his sell-off strategy in east

From Ian Murray in Bonn

AS public confidence in Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, plummets, his most senior cabinet minister from the east has criticised the method being used by the government to restructure the economy.

Günther Krause, the transport minister, who led east Germany's negotiating team for the unification treaty, has questioned the basic principle of privatisation being followed to break up the 8,800 state-run enterprises set up under the old communist system.

So far Treuhand, the government agency set up to sell off these concerns, has only managed to dispose of a few hundred of the best, while those unable to adapt quickly to the competition of a free-market economy are finding no interested buyers.

Herr Krause argues that trying to privatise before creating a sound financial environment is putting the cart before the horse. The government should have followed the example set in west Germany after the war, he says, when the old Ruhr industrial area was transformed by a public works programme into a viable region for private investment.

Privatisation, he believes, cannot succeed in the east yet. Government experts are more optimistic. Their official predictions, published today, expect a national growth rate of between 2.5 per cent and 3 per cent this year, with the creation of 500,000 new jobs. These calculations are based on estimates of a continuing upturn in the west, but even in the east the report expects investment will grow at between 7 and 8 per cent.

# Walesa points way to fully free elections

From Associated Press in Warsaw

PRESIDENT Walesa appealed to a split parliament yesterday to dissolve itself and allow fully free elections by the end of May. He also asked for a change of law.

Mr Walesa urged the deputies elected in partially free elections in 1989 to recognise that their time has passed. He favours an election law in which half the 460 seats would be elected in a first-past-the-post system and the remainder distributed proportionally.

Yesterday it was disclosed that Mr Walesa plans to meet President Gorbachev soon, but no date was announced. It would be their first meeting.

**US NOTEBOOK** by Charles Bremner

# Rat race begins in the nursery

In the plusher reaches of Manhattan, students and parents have been rushing anxiously to the letter-box this week praying for that crucial letter offering admission to one of the city's coveted academic institutions — nursery school.

The race to ensure a head start on the path to Harvard, Yale or Princeton in recent years has bred an absurd degree of competition in which two-year-olds are groomed for a competitive ordeal worthy of tests for Oxbridge or the diplomatic service. According to the theory espoused by New York's ambitious parents, admission to one of the top-flight, $6,000 (£3,100) a year nursery schools is vital to ensure a slot two years later in one of the kindergartens at fashionable private schools. (Primary school starts at the age of six). Once there, the young achiever is well on the road to the Ivy League.

The race starts before birth, when expectant parents or even engaged couples open their campaigns, putting themselves down on the "waiting lists for applications".

Local wisdom advises political campaigning techniques, such as getting everyone you know with connections to write to the school of your choice. In the autumn, parents undergo interviews and have to write essays. "What are the applicant's special abilities and weaknesses?" asks one entrance form. Some require references from family friends. Some ask the child to produce a self portrait.

Lucky applicants are summoned for an interview in January. Candidates are allowed to take time out to have their nappies changed.

Once the child is comfortably enrolled, training starts for the next and tougher hurdle — kindergarten. Some parents are so frantic for their offspring that they send their children to coaching services and drill them in such arts as geometry and maze solving before they face the dreaded hour-long pre-school tests. These, administered to three- and four-year-olds by psychologists from the Educational Records Bureau, are a standard yardstick for entry to the kindergartens of Manhattan. This year, however, nursery school directors have led a rebellion and announced plans to bar testing from their premises because it "contributed to high stress level among parents".

The name Lloyd Webber does not usually share a sentence with the phrase "greatest flop in Broadway history". In recent years the name spelled sure-fire success as American theatregoers booked out *Evita, Cats, Phantom of the Opera*, turning in millions in profits for the investors. Until the past year, only *Starlight Express* performed at less than mega-hit level. But the close last Saturday of *Aspects of Love* after ten months of performances has triggered a wave of Lloyd Webber bashing, some tinged with *Schadenfreude* from a theatre world never happy with the British ascendancy on musical Broadway.

*The New York Times* noted that *Aspects*, which has been a success in London, had lost every penny of the $8 million invested in it in New York. It noted, however, that the word of Frank Rich, its own all-powerful critic, may have had something to do with triggering the bad word-of-mouth that prompted audiences to stay away.

Does this spell the end of the British era of spectacular techno-musicals? Not quite yet, the conventional wisdom concludes. *Miss Saigon* opens next month borne on a wave of huge expectation.

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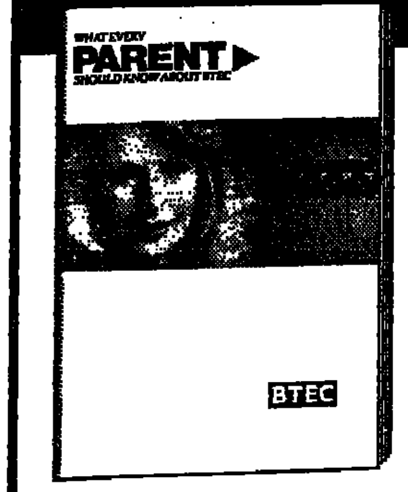

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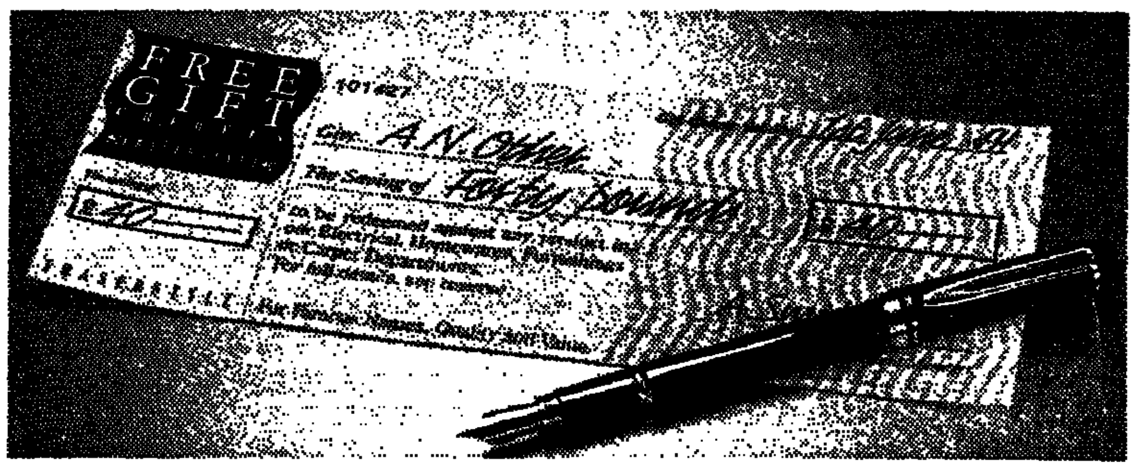

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US DIPLOMACY

# Baker has limited time in which to win lasting peace

From Martin Fletcher in Washington

JAMES BAKER, the American Secretary of State, left Washington for the Middle East yesterday for the ultimate test of his celebrated skills as a diplomatic fixer.

With the whole region in flux, can he seize the moment to fashion a new and lasting order before it subsides into the intractable old enmities? On the political front, can he build on a stunning military victory before that victory is tarnished by renewed disorder in Iraq and elsewhere? Can he, in the process, burnish his own diminished stature since August 2?

Adding urgency to Mr Baker's trip is a growing recognition within the administration that the window of opportunity may be short, that the instability in Iraq about which the Americans can now do little may soon leave the region facing almost as many problems as before the war.

Rarely before have the immediate conditions for a broad Middle East peace been so propitious. Arabs and Israelis for the first time have stood together against a common aggressor. The biggest threat to Israel's security has been removed. The superpower rivalry which magnified Middle East tensions has been replaced by a new international determination to resolve this recurring problem.

Above all Mr Bush, enjoying an authority Presidents Nixon and Carter never had in their Middle East efforts, is in a unique position to lean on Israel, and signalled his intent to do just that in his Wednesday night speech to Congress. He pledged to work with "new vigour and determination" for a stable peace. Instead of praising Israel's wartime restraint, he re-emphasised the principle of territory for peace so anathema to the Israeli prime minister, Yitzhak Shamir, and gave a warning that compromise would be required. In the age of the Scud, geography — by which he meant the occupied territories — cannot guarantee security, he said.

On the other hand, the administration accepts that the war has deepened Israel's sense of vulnerability and that Palestinian support for Saddam Hussein has put new obstacles in the way of constructive Israeli-Palestinian dialogue. Mr Baker will be taken on a helicopter tour of the West Bank and Golan Heights when he makes his first visit to that nation next week, presumably to underscore how physically threatened the Israelis still feel from their hostile neighbours.

Mr Baker denies he is carrying with him an American blueprint for peace, but he certainly has a game plan. Replacing an Israeli-Palestinian dialogue as Washington's ultimate panacea is a new "twin-track" policy that gives equal priority to the need for peace between Israel and individual Arab states.

In Riyadh today and in Damascus next week Mr Baker will start prodding the Saudi and Syrian leaderships to follow Egypt's example and recognise Israel, something they both implicitly did in the war by acknowledging Israel's right to self-defence. To that end Mr Baker is expected to promote mutual confidence-building measures such as an end to trade boycotts and co-operation to ameliorate the region's chronic water shortage.

The US has leverage on Syria, which wants closer ties with the West, and on Saudi Arabia, which it saved from Iraq and now wants a more assertive role. Earlier this week Mr Shamir ruled out any compromise on the occupied territories, and he will remind Mr Baker of Israel's restraint in the face of Iraqi aggression.

ISRAEL

# Levy gives warning against pressure

From Our Correspondent in Jerusalem

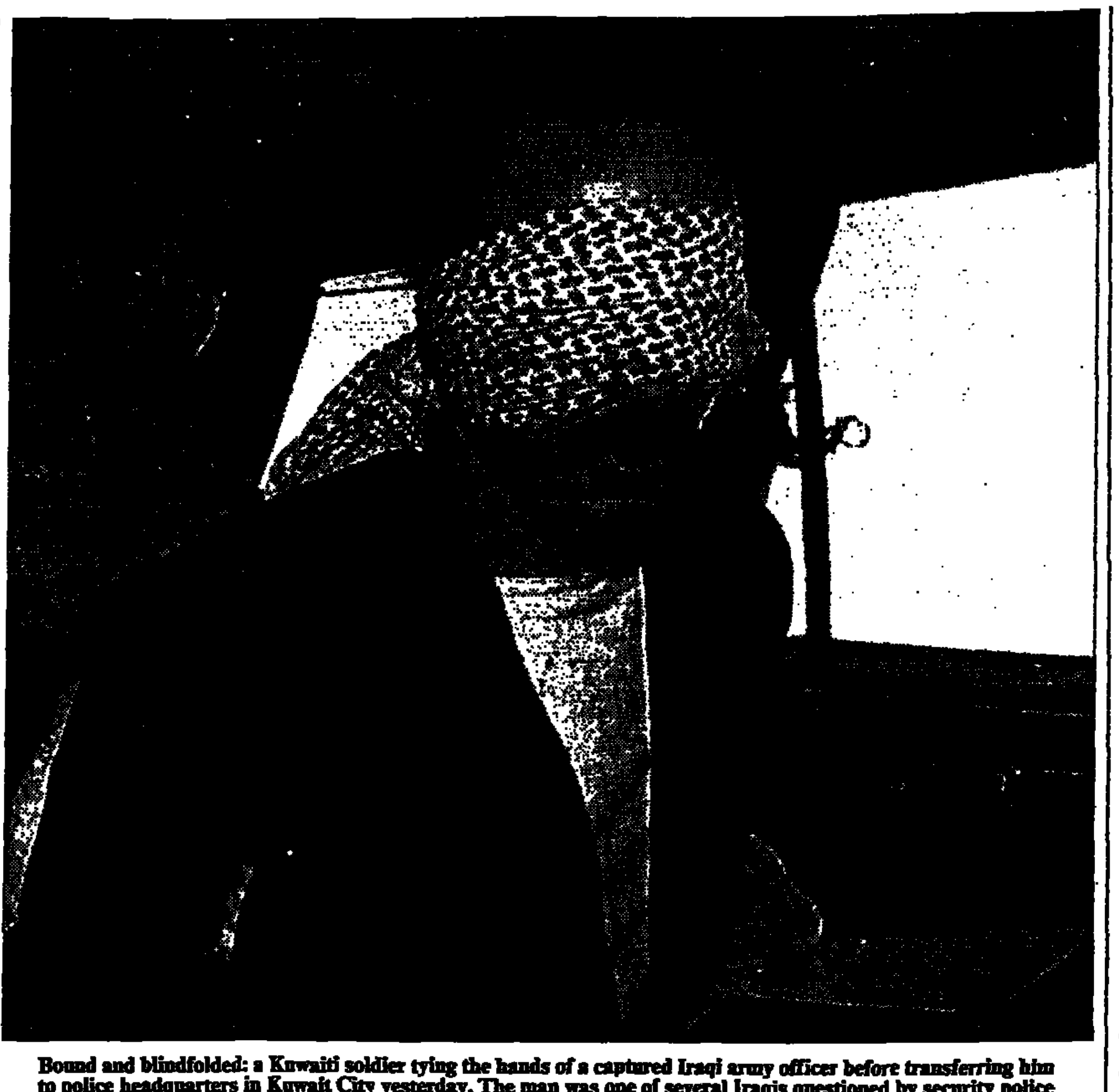
ISRAELI leaders yesterday braced themselves for a week of intensified diplomatic activity aimed at achieving a breakthrough on the Palestinian issue.

After President Bush's address to Congress on Wednesday and with European foreign ministers in Jerusalem, officials reacted with caution and anxiety. David Levy, the foreign minister, said attempts to pressure Israel into making peace would be futile. "Anything which is perceived as pressure on Israel ... will make peace go away," Mr Levy said, after talks with the foreign ministers of Luxembourg, Italy and The Netherlands.

Mr Levy said there was "nothing new" in the Bush speech. "This is not the first time these things are being said or written," he told Israel radio, adding that Israel was not backing away from the government's May 1989 peace initiative. "We have a disagreement with the Americans on this matter," he said, referring to Mr Bush's "territory for peace" formula. "We say, give us a chance to talk to our neighbours about peace without preconditions." Officials are reserving judgment on Washington's intentions, waiting to see what James Baker, the Secretary of State, has in his briefcase when he arrives in Israel next week.

"From what we saw of the Bush speech, it seems there is no change in the US stance," Avi Pazner, the spokesman for Yitzhak Shamir, the prime minister, said. "In a short while, we will have the chance to discuss this with Secretary of State James Baker."

Speaking for the European delegation, Jacques Poos, the foreign minister of Luxembourg, said peace could only be based on United Nations resolutions and mutual recognition.



**Bound and blindfolded: a Kuwaiti soldier tying the hands of a captured Iraqi army officer before transferring him to police headquarters in Kuwait City yesterday. The man was one of several Iraqis questioned by security police**

IRAQ OPPOSITION

# Hogg pledges British sympathy

By Michael Knipe, Diplomatic Correspondent

FIVE senior members of Iraq's main opposition coalition met Douglas Hogg, minister of state at the Foreign Office, yesterday in their highest-level contact with the British government.

The meeting reflected the increased importance the government places on the activities of the Iraqi opposition groups after the challenge to President Saddam Hussein's rule in the southern port of Basra and other Iraqi cities. Yesterday's meeting came after three others at the Foreign Office between various exiled Iraqi opposition groups and David Gore-Booth, head of the Foreign Office's Near East and North Africa department.

There have also been regular contacts between lower-level officials. Representatives of five of the seventeen secular and religious groups in the Iraqi National Joint Action Committee participated in yesterday's talks, which lasted 45 minutes. The groups represented were the Tehran-based Supreme Council of the Islamic Revolution in Iraq, the Iraqi Communist party, the Dawa party, the Damascus-based Syrian branch of the Baath party and the Kurdistan Front.

The coalition was formed in December and Mr Hogg expressed sympathy with its professed aims, which include the creation of a plural form of government, respect for human rights and increased participation of the Kurdish minority in government. Both sides agreed that it was vital for the opposition to stay united and committed to the coalition's programme of action.

Mr Hogg explained Britain's opposition to the dismemberment of Iraq and its agreement that Iraqi Kurds should have greater autonomy within Iraq's present frontiers. In what appeared to be a reference to speculation that the Iraqi rebels were being supported from Iran, the Iraqis emphasised that current events in southern Iraq were spontaneous and had not been incited by any foreign powers.

They also expressed the importance they placed on what British officials described as international moral support for their cause. It was not clear whether they made any request for material or economic assistance but sources in Whitehall made it clear that, while sympathising with their cause, it was too early to say whether Britain would be prepared to offer any more substantial help.

Although John Major and other members of government have said they would welcome the fall of Saddam, Foreign Office officials insist that the question of who governs Iraq is for Iraqis to resolve and there is no way Britain intends to become directly involved.

The Foreign Office believes that, in spite of the disarray in southern Iraq, Saddam *is* likely to hang on to power in the short term. Sources in Whitehall point out that the chaos in the south may be enough to bring down a democracy but it was not likely to dislodge a dictator.

BAGHDAD

# Citizens told of threat to unity

From AFP
in Nicosia

FOR the first time, the Iraqi government warned the public yesterday that it faced a threat to national unity, as reports continued of bloodshed in southern Iraq between loyalist troops and Shia Muslim rebels.

The daily, *al-Iraq* warned the public against hostile forces, which were seeking to chisel away at national unity. "The hostile forces and all the opposition are using every means to try to dismember Iraq and strike at its national unity," it said in an editiorial quoted by the Iraqi News Agency (INA) monitored here. Iraqis must face down the colonialist forces, the daily said, urging the population to confront their destructive action and strengthen national unity.

But other media pronouncements reflected a less bellicose tone adopted by Iraq since it agreed on Sunday to a United Nations resolution setting out the terms for a permanent ceasefire. A broadcast by Baghdad radio emphasised the programme of civic reconstruction. Two technical committees have been set up by the minister of industry and military industrialisation, Hussein Kamil Hassan, to repair roads and bridges damaged during the war, it said.

INA also reported on the efforts to restore the country's electricity supply, by harnessing old, small generators and sending repair teams out to work on powerlines, transformers and distribution networks in the countryside. But, it said, the damage caused by the allied air offensive was a great burden.

*Al-Qadissiyah*, an army newspaper, said yesterday that an American call to settle the Arab-Israeli conflict was a sign of Iraq's victory in the Gulf war. Iraq's official media have never acknowledged the defeat of Iraqi forces. "The rise of the Palestinian cause to the forefront of international issue was a blow to the plans and calculations of the American administration. This in itself portrays a big victory that the steadfastness of the Iraqi people achieved for the Arab nation," the paper said.

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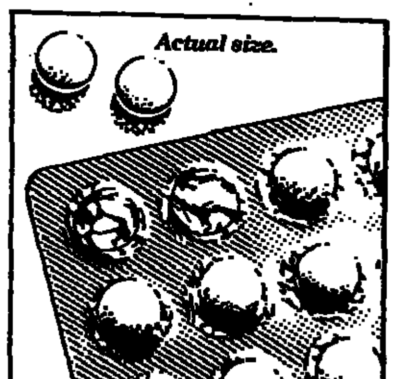

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KUWAIT

# Torture of Palestinians denied by crown prince

From LIN JENKINS IN KUWAIT CITY

THE Crown Prince of Kuwait strongly denied that Palestinians in the country were being tortured and urged the world not to listen to rumour yesterday, when he gave his first press conference since his return.

Asked about the 4,000 Palestinians alleged to have been rounded up by the army and resistance since the liberation for collaborating with the enemy, he said that the actual numbers arrested were very few.

Thousands have already made a hurried exit from the country to Iraq, claiming they face persecution and bloody reprisals for the acts of a few and the PLO's backing for President Saddam Hussein.

Sheikh Saad al-Sabah said: "It is being alleged that Palestinians have been subjected and are being subjected to torture by the Kuwaitis. I would like to put on the record that I deny all such rumours. The number of Palestinians that may be in police centres are very little in number. A small number have been detained because our security people have already heard that these persons have committed crimes against our people during the presence of Iraqi troops in our country."

Speaking through an interpreter, he said that after legal investigation the cases would be transferred to the public prosecutor, who would decide if there was a case to answer and commit them to court. He added that he wished to reassure his Palestinian brothers, an estimated 400,000 in the country, that he greatly appreciated their efforts to help the Kuwaitis during the occupation and their role in driving out Iraqi forces.

He thanked the allies for their military efforts and repeated that President Bush would be welcome to visit the country in the next few days to see for himself the extent of the destruction caused by Iraq.

"I hope it will take place in the next few days. We want him to see for himself the devastating damage done by Saddam Hussein in Kuwait and give the people of Kuwait the opportunity to show their appreciation to the president and the American people," he said.

The crown prince admitted that martial law, initially for three months, may be extended if certain targets, such as the restoration of law and order, have not been met. "If we think the interests of the country and citizens require that we do that, we will do that, whoever says anything to the opposite."

He had little encouragement to offer those who wished to see the establishment of democracy. He described Kuwait as democratic as it stood and did not suggest any extension of the franchise or offer any date for a general election.

"We have lived for centuries in this land a democratic life, a brotherly life and a friendly life enjoying mutual co-operation and affection. This is the life lived by our forefathers and this is the life of the present and we will continue this. We are a democratic country and we follow a policy of mutual co-operation and will continue to do so."

However, he did say that because of Kuwaiti women's role during the occupation and war the question of whether some of them would be allowed to join the small number of Kuwaiti men allowed to vote was being examined.

## Soldiers tighten security

**Kuwait City** — Kuwaiti soldiers and militia have tightened controls at roadblocks on the outskirts of the capital after seven sentries were reported killed by gunmen driving by during a 72-hour period. Since then a 10pm to 4am curfew has been declared.

Some sentries at isolated locations in the suburbs have been lifting rifles to firing position as cars approach. Others have been seen running towards cars with .45 pistols drawn and aimed.

"It's not clear who does the shooting," said Colonel Jesse Johnson, a US special forces commander. He said 300 Iraqi soldiers had been taken prisoner in the city during mopping up operations. *(Reuter)*

## Oil firm sued

**Houston** — Brown and Root, the Texas-based engineering giant, has filed one of the first big Gulf war claims, suing Iraq's state-owned oil company for $17.8 million (£9.4 million) in unpaid bills. It wants to be paid for five months of engineering and construction work on an Iraqi oil export complex in the Gulf. It says Iraq stopped paying for work on the project after it invaded Kuwait. *(AP)*

## Mine clearance

**Kuwait City** — The delicate task of clearing 40,000 Iraqi mines from the city's beaches will take four months, French army experts said. Expecting an allied amphibious assault that never came, Iraqi occupation troops laid a tight ring of anti-personnel and other mines along the Kuwaiti coastline. *(Reuter)*

## Hostages wait

**Beirut** — The plight of 12 Western hostages detained by pro-Iranian fundamentalists still awaits "a proper political climate" in spite of hopes for an overall solution to the Middle East problem, according to Sheikh Muhammad Husain Fadlallah, mentor of the extremist Hezbollah "Party of God" militants.

**Fond embrace:** Sergeant Don Walker and his wife Dee, centre, were among couples reunited as members of the Hill Air Force Base 2952nd Combat Logistics Support Squadron arrived at Salt Lake City yesterday after service in the Gulf. More American forces were on their way home from the Middle East yesterday. The US 1st Tactical Fighter Wing, with two squadrons of 48 F15Cs, which were among the first American fighters deployed to Saudi Arabia, began leaving from Dhahran. More than 1,000 air and ground crew left with them. Among the first US soldiers to leave were 763 from 24th Infantry Division, whose home base is at Fort Stewart in Georgia. The 24th was deployed further north in Iraq than any other American unit. Nine hundred soldiers from the 82nd Airborn Division were also flown out of Dhahran. They will arrive today at Fort Bragg in North Carolina. The largest US army contingent to leave the war zone yesterday were 1,400 men from the 18th Corps support command and support artillery, including reservists. Almost 1,000 men from the 101st Air Assault Division also left. About half of the 14,317 chosen to be the first to return home will arrive in the United States today.

WAR COSTS

# Mystery on cash aid from Tokyo

From JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

THE actual destination of Japan's $9 billion (£4.7 billion) contribution to the Gulf war effort remains shrouded in mystery despite allied expectations to use it to offset military expenditures.

A senior American political consultant in Tokyo said yesterday that President Bush has budgeted to receive the $9 billion to cover war costs, adding that any shortfall would be highly damaging to Japanese-American relations.

Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, asked Japan yesterday for a share of the $9 billion. Mr Hurd telephoned the foreign minister to congratulate the Japanese government on winning parliamentary approval for the $9 billion aid pledge and he "asked that Britain receive a share of the war funds".

Neither country will necessarily receive what they expect, for they will not be represented when the allocation decisions are made.

# Army battles flood of surplus supplies

From ASSOCIATED PRESS IN WASHINGTON

WHEN the shooting stops, what do you do with piles of unused camouflage clothing and flak jackets, heaps of frontline food and mounds of trucks and armoured vehicles?

Military logisticians had planned for the worst-case scenario, a prolonged ground war. The war was over so quickly that the military was left with mountains of unneeded material and more on order. Now the planners have to decide what to do with the supplies, including part of the $900 million (£475 million) worth of the little-loved Meals Ready to Eat (MRE) rations.

The Pentagon has spent billions on trucks, ammunition, spare parts, clothing and other supplies. Frank Johnson, a spokesman for the Defence Personnel Support Centre, said that since the ceasefire last week "it's like we're trying to turn a river around". Much of the leftover material will be used to rebuild depleted stockpiles.

Major Peter Keating, an army spokesman, said that clearing out excess hardware would probably take a year. Ammunition would have to be inspected, cleaned, repackaged and put back into stocks or disposed of. Vehicles may be sold to foreign countries. Some captured Iraqi equipment, such as Soviet T72 tanks and BMP2 infantry vehicles, will be shipped to the US, stripped down and examined, Major Keating said. Much of the rest was likely to be sold as scrap.

Planners are not certain how many of the 244.8 million Meals Ready to Eat are left over, Mr Johnson said. Some MREs technically belong to the Saudi government, which paid for food and fuel for the allied effort. The MREs can last six years and could be used in civilian emergencies.

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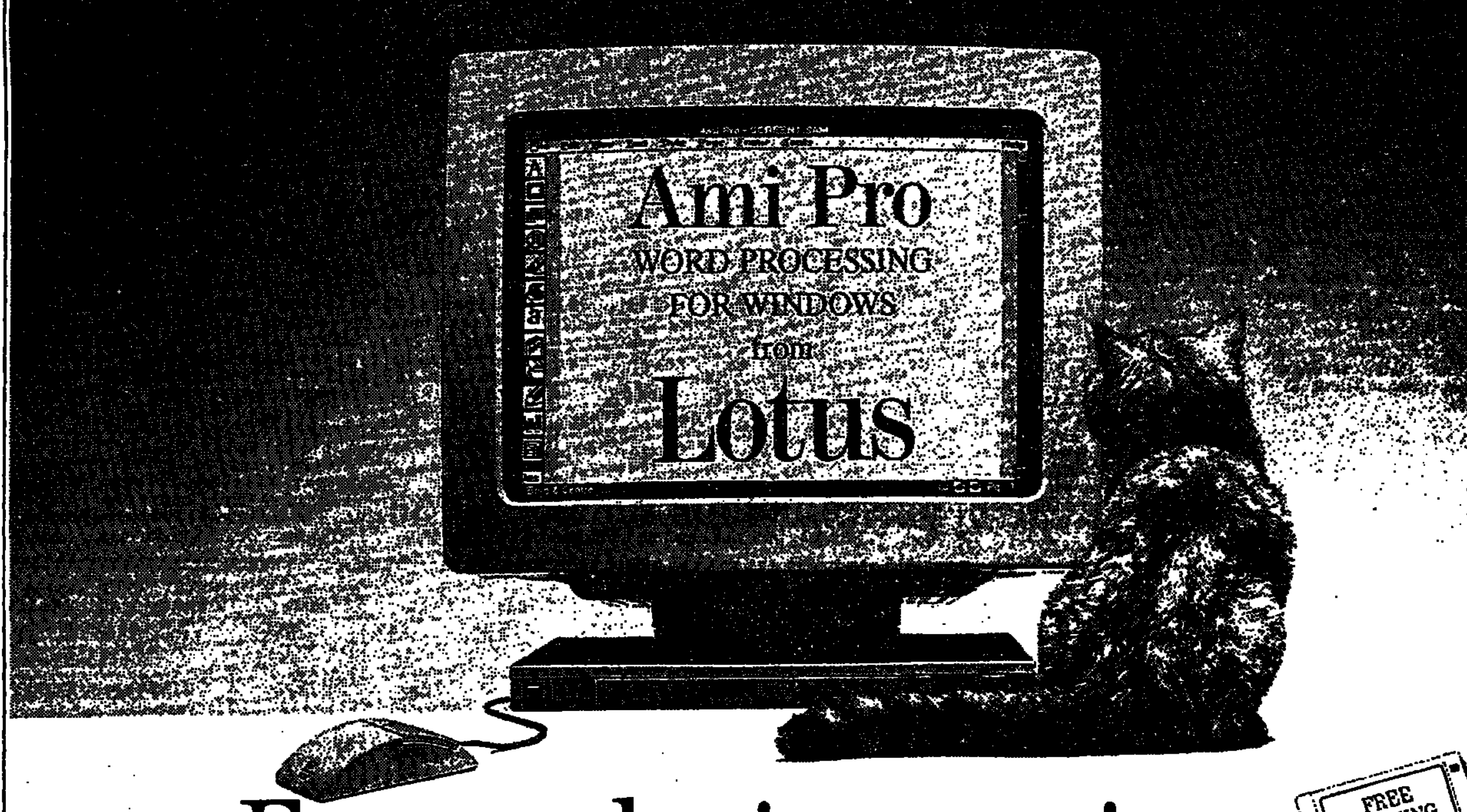

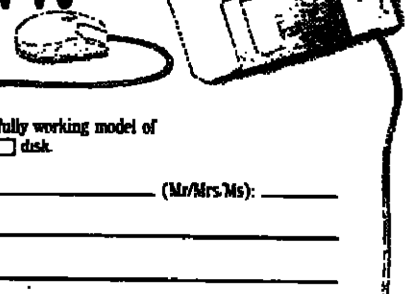

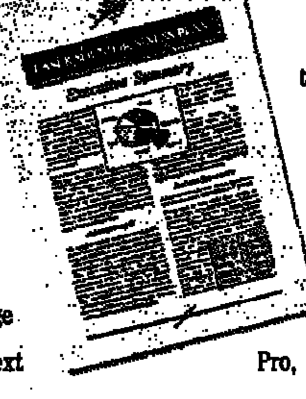

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# Let them tax households

**Janet Daley**

Conservatives ought to recall, in these revisionist times, what made local government prey to those Trotskyist manipulators who succeeded in alienating swathes of the urban population in the late 1970s and early 1980s. It was nothing other than a local taxation system that cast the ratepayer as milch-cow and class enemy.

A property-based rates system is a perfectly fair and democratic way to finance local government in a community where everyone is a property-owner. Where a majority of the electorate are not, as in many urban boroughs, it can become as serious a threat to democracy as any covert totalitarian could hope for.

A voting majority who were personally unaffected by high council spending, and were also the largest consumers of council services, virtually guaranteed a one-party system in which voters were courted by bribery. Such councils, with their impregnable Labour majorities, became politburos whose leading activists were often officials of public sector unions. In the innocent 1970s, no one seemed to see a conflict of interest in the chairman of a council committee being also an officer of Nupe. The abuses of power that followed (when, for example, Haringey council closed its schools in support of striking caretakers) escaped any sort of political reckoning.

> ‘Many of the really hard cases that are now such a bad advertisement for the poll tax would cease to be an issue’

Abstract justice apart, the vindictive soaking of the owner-occupier resulted in a middle-class flight that steepened the decline of the inner cities. (This would, incidentally, also be the effect of a local income tax that penalised high earners.) Thus, the stage was set for an equally vindictive countermeasure. Where before, helpless ratepayers were held to ransom by permanently ensconced Toytown autocrats, now all members of the electorate were to be punished equally (in the strict mathematical sense) for the political adventurism or sheer incompetence of their elected representatives.

The predictable unpopularity of a tax suddenly imposed on a section of the population that had been blithely unaware of the repercussions of local expenditure was further aggravated by a flaw in the logic of the poll tax. Fairness was being equated with "universal" (everybody pays the same amount), when what most people see as fair means the better-off paying more.

But for all the gloom about poll tax implied by opinion polls, a startlingly enthusiastic reception greeted Barnet councillors who said the unsayable (that the community charge might be defensible) at last week's local government conference, and many backbenchers who had feared for their seats are now saying that their constituents would not wear a return to a property tax.

None the less, there is no question that the poll tax is still widely seen as unfair. By inviting the Labour party to help him out of the stew, Michael Heseltine has indicated a willingness to return to some sort of domicile-based ("roof") tax of the kind that Labour advocates. The commonsense link between property and local government seems irresistible. What remains a political dilemma is the means of preventing the non-owning sector having an electoral domination that rules out real political choice.

Labour's answer to this is that council tenants, whether or not they were aware of it, did pay rates, because part of their rent was supporting local finance. What they propose, therefore, is the supposedly educative measure of itemising council rent bills to make clear what portion of the payment is going in local taxes. This notion seems peculiarly feeble in light of the fact that the most notoriously high-spending councils tend also to be the ones that are most lax about collecting rent. How much are voters likely to be affected by the size of a tax component on a rent bill that they will not be pressed to pay anyway?

Given the obvious attraction of a property-based tax — that it bears some relation to people's ability to pay and is relatively easy to administer — the sticky point seems to be in the equation of property with private ownership. What if *domiciles* were to be the accounting units for a property-based tax, whether they were privately owned, privately rented or council-rented accommodation?

What I am suggesting to any interested political party is a "household tax", in which every home is billed in an identical way and is equally liable for prosecution for non-payment.

In the case of council tenants, their tax liability would be administered separately from their rent, and would not come under the auspices of the housing authority.

The poor, defined in terms of income support and rent rebates, would, of course, qualify for reductions. More important, many of the really hard cases that are now such a bad advertisement for the poll tax would cease to be an issue: the homeless, unemployed wives, students (most of the categories who are now asked to pay only 20 per cent of the community charge and whom many want to take out of eligibility altogether). Instead of pursuing elusive and untraceable individuals, we would have an easily locatable register of households whose capital value would be the basis for their taxation. (Council-house market valuations are already carried out for prospective sale.)

The nominated householder or registered council tenant would be responsible for payment, but those not in a household (like the homeless, students in residence halls or lodgers in private homes) would not be liable.

Private property used to confer a status that made taking responsibility for local finance logical: there was a time when only homeowners could vote, and until quite recently only homeowners sat on juries. Being a property-owner was a bit like being a Roman citizen. Now we invest all adults with the authority that used to be implied by property ownership. It seems only sensible also to share the economic burden in a clear-cut way.

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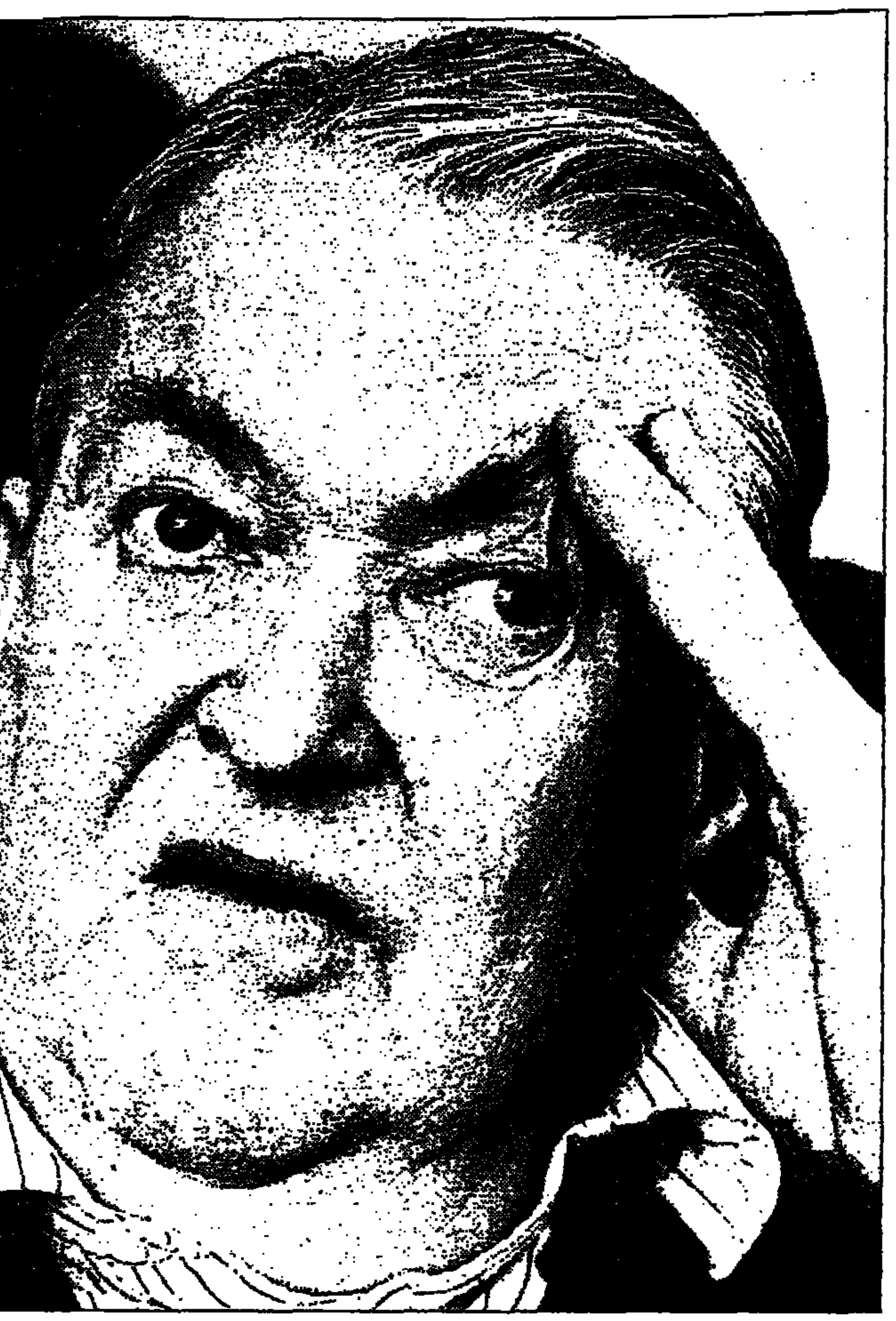
**Kate Muir** talks to Sir Kingsley about the outrage surrounding his *Memoirs*, his difficulty in making friends with women, and the vicissitudes of age

# What's amiss with Amis



An anecdotalist at bay: sharp stories about others, a literary silence about himself

Anecdotes are like a social prophylactic for men; they provide a skin preventing exposure of naked emotion in public or the public house. They avoid the need for real conversation, while giving the semblance of brotherly intimacy. And they have provided Sir Kingsley Amis with the perfect tool to write an autobiography without reflecting on himself.

His *Memoirs* were published yesterday, but the furore surrounding them has kept newspaper diaries fat with material for weeks. Malcolm Muggeridge was lazy and sleazy, Enoch Powell a pedant and John Braine merely ridiculous, for a start. Few of Sir Kingsley's (former) friends survived the viewing unscathed. Few will read it without being amused.

Perhaps Sir Kingsley hopes that if he makes enough noise about other men — 26 to be precise — his own life will sneak by unnoticed. He cannot bear to confront himself, his successes and his failures, except through his 20 novels. He admits this in the preface to *Memoirs*: "To publish an account of my own intimate, domestic, sexual experiences would hurt a number of people who have emotional claims on me . . . and I have no desire to cause pain, or further pain, to them or myself."

So his agony remains bottled, and resort to the bottle in London's Garrick Club, swapping yet more anecdotes with old friends, helps him keep up a brave face. Asked whether all his close friends are men he answers: "Why of course they are," astounded it should be otherwise.

Sir Kingsley believes there can be true intellectual friendship only between men — friendship with a woman will always involve a sexual tension, not necessarily with physical results, which spoils it. The only woman apart from Mrs Thatcher who merits a chapter in his book is the novelist Elizabeth Taylor. "I should say I was a friend of hers, but not really a close friend . . . I mean, I suppose my former girlfriends have remained chums, and there are my friends' wives, but I wouldn't see them on my own or anything. When I chat to Anthony Powell's wife, I listen to her as a woman. It would be an insult not to."

As proof of his theory, Sir Kingsley cites the story *A Painful Case* from James Joyce's *Dubliners*, where a man and a woman form a strong friendship that is destroyed when the woman catches his hand and presses it to her cheek. Their companionship collapses, she dies under a train and he writes in his journal: "Love between man and man is impossible because there must not be sexual intercourse, and friendship between man and woman is impossible because there must be sexual intercourse."

Such attitudes were suited to Sir Kingsley's angry and somewhat raunchy young days, but at 68 with a walking stick, seeing women more as sex objects than friends eliminates a lot of interesting people from life, as well as being rather old-fashioned. He does like talking about it, however. "You see, I think it's rather awful when people say: 'There's an awful lot of sex in this novel,' and they take that to mean physical sex, whereas 99 per cent of a sexual relationship takes place outside the bedroom." He confesses he rarely wants to take his typewriter into the fictional bedroom. "*Consulting my memory now*," he says with heavy emphasis, "one of those things is much like the other. The differences are outside the bed."

Safe in the living room of his Primrose Hill home, which he shares incongruously with his first wife Hilly and her husband Lord Kilmarnock, Sir Kingsley claims to enjoy his clubby life with the boys. He regularly sees the writer Peter Quennell, now 86, who lives around the corner. "Well, I haven't got a wife, you see," he says in the way other people say they haven't got a car, "so that makes a difference. I lead a sort of half family life here with a family, but without a wife, and that does restrict one." His second marriage, to the writer Elizabeth Jane Howard, ended in 1980, and there is now an air of discontent about him.

His days often take the form of getting up, writing for about three hours until he reaches for "the whisky bottle, or more usually cups of tea", lurking down the Garrick at lunchtime and part of the afternoon, coming back for a little more writing, having a little drink, and then watching television or reading until he retires upstairs with a sleeping pill. Not surprising he says the lives of writers are generally dull and should remain unrecorded.

Sir Kingsley is shocked that his undeniably un-dull memoirs of other people's lives have caused such a lot of bother. What he considers jolly japes have been taken all too seriously. "I think the most exciting chunks have been extracted in the papers, and that's good journalism, but people who haven't read the book or can't be bothered to read it all find it easy to review just what *The Sunday Times* printed. If you count up all the people, a large number are treated very favourably."

That, at least, is probably what he says, but divination is tricky due to the fact that he sounds as if he is talking through a mouthful of roast beef some of the time. He denies he has invented any of the stories, as many of the victims have claimed. "That would be like cheating at patience. Of course you trim things a little, and I don't think it's wrong to combine two occasions in the interests of brevity. There's no point in writing memoirs if you're going to make it up. You can do that in fiction." That view is supported by the fact that many in the book were by no means sober during events and would be unlikely to recall them. And as for malice: "You can't say you enjoyed a good few drinks with a chap and laughed about your days at Oxford. The bad is more interesting than the good."

*Memoirs* has also taken a bit of a panning for Sir Kingsley's sloppy use of language. One critic accused him of producing "straggling sentences, clogged with . . . prepositions, which call to mind an articulated lorry trying to back down a narrow passageway". Sir Kingsley considers that a fair description of "the sort of corners I can paint myself into". He likes to think it happens rarely and, when it does, on purpose. There is such a thing as cultivated clumsiness. "You've got to have the laborious part of getting the lorry into position, but there's great satisfaction when you get it straight and it eventually rolls."

Besides, he has a generally low opinion of critics, particularly those poker-faced ones who have described his latest effort as morally repugnant. He thinks that would be fair were he an anti-Semite or a secret Nazi. "But to see a comic vision of drunkards' activities in pubs as an awful thing is ridiculous. Anyway, when you meet those critics they're generally shouting 'Aww, f*** off' and demanding another drink."

Sir Kingsley himself has a reputation for being cantankerous, but there are no signs of it this afternoon, a few hours after the Foyles' Literary Lunch in his honour. He finds the subject of himself of endless interest, and when the interview nears its official end he says he can spare another few minutes, by which he means an hour. He is horribly entertaining. No wonder he sat sniggering and laughing as he wrote *Memoirs*. There is an intellectual energy that, coupled with physical energy in his youth, must have made him attractive. The photographs in his memoirs, captioned: "London, 1950s: Anthony Powell, KA, Philip Larkin, Hilly", etc, show him slim and good-looking with dark wavy hair. Now, in grey carpet slippers, he *has* a turtle neck, instead of wearing one. He looks like his young self reflected wider in a distorting mirror.

Growing old does not cause him to hold back on the subject of others' looks. "They used to say God gets the women men don't want, but now you could say the same for feminism. I mean, I can't bear to look at that Andrea Dworkin. Have you seen her huge, fat . . ." Sir Kingsley is not a fan of feminism for several other reasons. "One, I'm not a woman. Two, most women I like aren't feminists. Three, they don't realise how funny they are."

Growing up has caused an about-turn in his politics, the only thread of constancy being his low opinion of women. Yellowing newspaper cuttings have Angry Young Man in most of the headlines. In 1956 Amis-the-leftie wrote: "Unless something unexpected happens I shall vote Labour to the end of my days, however depraved the Labour candidate and however virtuous his opponent."

He voted Conservative in 1970 and fell in love with Mrs Thatcher over dinner in 1979, to the extent that she appears regularly in his dreams saying: "You have such an interesting face." He is saddened by the ousting of his dream woman. "It was definitely a class thing. Snobbery and her being a woman." But Sir Kingsley is fond of the English class system. What would the average novelist do without it — the plots, the comedy, the regional accents? He was born into what he describes as a lower-middle-class family in Norbury, a south London suburb. "I moved out of that not by trying, but by going to Oxford. The moment you go there you are something else."

The problem with being something else, in this case a celebrity-cum-writer, is that you have to behave like one, although Sir Kingsley prefers to describe himself as an ex-man-about-Swansea (where he lectured) than a man-about-town. But it is clear from his memoirs that he has had to spend at least four decades tanking up with the chaps in first-rate style and using filthy lingo. He regrets the wild times a little. When someone asked him if it ever crossed his mind that he should have stayed married to his first wife Hilly, he said: "Does it cross my mind? Only all the time."

Old age does not sit well on Sir Kingsley. He is not happy. He went to see a psychiatrist recently who asked him whether his sleeplessness caused him to worry. "It causes me no worry at all," he answered. "Just boredom touched with gloom."

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## ALAN COREN

I trudged into the Café de la Paix early on Monday morning, because where else was I going to trudge at a time like that? I screwed a Gauloise into the corner of my mouth, because what else was I going to screw into the corner of my mouth, and I asked for a large Scotch, because what else was I going to ask for?

Cosmo, who runs the Café de la Paix, poured it out and put it on the bar beside the large Scotch he had poured for himself, and, as he did so, the ash fell from the Gauloise screwed into the corner of his mouth and on to his pot-belly, a mere nanosecond before my own ash went the same way. We looked at each other, and I hoped against hope that my eyes were as addled as his, and as sunk in their pouches; certainly, I was as unshaven as he was. We unscrewed our Gauloises, we lifted our glasses, we mouthed a silent toast, and we drained them at a gulp, and at the tables behind us a dozen other unshaven, pouch-eyed, pot-bellied, middle-aged men unscrewed their Gauloises, mouthed silent toasts, and drained theirs. While, of course, the jukebox played *Harley Davidson*. What else was it going to play?

For, *par hasard*, I had arrived in France only hours after Serge Gainsbourg had, *par hasard*, departed it. It should be pointed out that the two *hasards* were different, because theirs is a sparse vocabulary, where words have often to box and cox, which is to explain that while I had arrived by chance, Serge had departed through risk.

As he had always been bound to do. If umpteen heart and liver operations have left your torso looking like a zippered *blouson* but you still insist on filling it with 100 Gauloises a day and washing them down with two bottles of Scotch, then the odds grow short as you reach September of that moment arriving when the fire brigade axes your door open and discovers you spreadeagled between your last drink and your last dog-end.

Which was precisely what had happened. I did not know this until I walked in from the airport and switched on the Sunday evening news to see if anything had happened en route, and learnt that, as far as the news was concerned, only one thing had. The broadcast was exclusively devoted to the passing of Serge Gainsbourg, a single fact, but one copiously and illustriously annotated: François Mitterrand, the president of the republic, said he was desolated, Jack Lang, the minister of culture, said he was stunned, Jacques Chirac, the mayor of Paris, said he could not express his sense of personal loss, and umpteen other members of the great and good jostled for any roving microphone prepared to pick up their weepy obsequies.

All bloody odd. It was as if, at the death of Jeffrey Bernard (whom God preserve) a red-eyed John Major were to stumble towards the dispatch box, sobbing to the effect that he knew he spoke for the entire House, while up the road a whey-faced footman were simultaneously hanging a bulletin on the Buckingham Palace railings explaining that though Her Majesty was herself too overcome to speak and had gone to lie down for a bit, she wanted, at this grievous time, to send her deepest condolences to all at the Coach and Horses.

For Serge Gainsbourg was not himself a member of the great and good at all, he was a 62-year-old pop singer who rather than go to all the trouble of holding a tune, preferred to croak his indecipherably booze-slurred words through his permanent cigarette, punctuating his public appearances with oaths, insults, threats and obscenities. He had gone to astonishing lengths to make himself France's most famous derelict: his pouches had pouches, his pot pots, his bristles bristles. More: all this unsavoury decay had worked its way on what had itself been pretty horrible to start with. *Joli laid* he had never been, only jolly *laid*.

But jolly laid. That was the key. Gainsbourg was France's premier sex-symbol. Women beat a path to his door on their hands and knees, in the hope of boomps-a-daisy. He stood in that uniquely French tradition of successful gigolos who, in other cultures, would be offered nothing better than tuppence for a cup of tea.

That is why, last Monday, the pot-bellied unshaven of our village convened to mourn his passing and toast his memory. He had given our fantasies credibility. It's more than Robert Redford's ever done.

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## THE TIMES DIARY

### Rueful of Ribble Valley

As the Liberal Democrat bandwagon gathered pace in the Ribble Valley by-election, Tory candidate Nigel Evans might have been worrying how much he would pay in votes for two personal misfortunes.

When he was selected for the seat Evans rented a picture-postcard cottage in Downham, one of the most attractive villages in Lancashire, from the local landowner and Tory peer Lord Clitheroe. The move was intended to show Evans as a man of the people and establish his roots in the community. Alas, unknown to him, he was jumping a large queue of local people waiting for the sought-after stone cottages, and he is now the object of their envious, not to say malicious, glances.

Further local embarrassment has come from Evans's decision to worship at the village church of St Leonard's, which has a weekly congregation of 30. Mrs Brenda Lund, whose husband Norman is the churchwarden, says: "We all sit in the same seats every week and Lord Clitheroe always sits at the front." On his first visit Evans committed the solecism of marching to the front pew and parking himself in his lordship's seat.

Silence fell over the assembled congregation before one good Samaritan composed himself sufficiently to guide Evans to another pew. With 163 villagers on the electoral register Evans has been back several times since to show that he knows his place . . . and to say his prayers.

### Imitating life?

Have the trade unions found a secret champion among the scriptwriters of *Grange Hill*, BBC Television's serial for children? Questions are being asked at a senior level after a recent episode appeared to repeat union propaganda about a row at Television Centre in which 100 cleaners have been replaced by private contractors. The script featured pupils discussing a similar operation at the school.

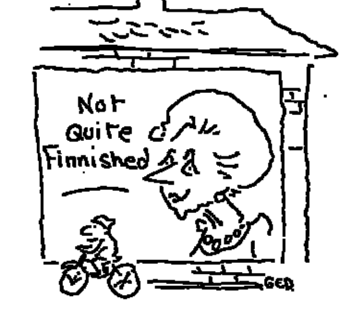
Roger Bolton, national officer of the Broadcasting and Entertainment Trades Alliance, the union fighting the cuts, denies any responsibility, but cannot hide his delight at such an effective presentation of his argument being broadcast to seven million viewers. "The BBC is operating the policy of a Hong Kong sweatshop," he says.

The scriptwriter Barry Purchese also denies any collusion. "I get a storyline and I write the script accordingly," he says. But BBC senior executives remain concerned about the coincidence. "*Grange Hill* has become compulsive viewing in the boardroom," says one insider.

### Big in Helsinki

Mrs Thatcher remains a potent political force abroad. Her face is dominating advertising boardings in the Finnish general election, where the Centre party is attempting to defeat the Conservative-led coalition under Harri Holkeri, Mrs Thatcher's ideological counterpart and friend.

The slogan accompanying the advertisements declares: "Holkeri's cabinet would have rewarded this lady with a job. The Brits did not." This is a reference to the Finnish government's tendency to offer cosy, well-paid jobs to retiring ministers and other prominent supporters, which has become an election issue.



Holkeri is not worried by the unauthorised use of his old friend's picture. He believes she is still so popular that the suggestion his government would give her a job is a vote winner.

● *The triumph of capitalism is finally complete. As thousands flee Albania, the last European outpost of Stalinism, American Express has moved in. "The card will be accepted in all leading hotels and restaurants and in major shops in Tirana and elsewhere," the company has announced. It is not expecting many Albanians to take up the card.*

### Ladies in waiting

The world of London gentlemen's clubs is again addressing the perplexing subject of women. The Savile in Brook Street, whose prominent members include Lord Young of Graffham, is balloting on admission of the fairer sex, and the idea has caused a furious row among members.

The proposal is a modest one. Women are not being offered membership; the committee has merely suggested allowing female guests into the ballroom for lunch on weekdays, and that only for a four-month trial period. All other rooms, says the chairman Clive Bingley, would retain their all-male character. But his assurances have done nothing to placate the anti-woman brigade, who say in a paper circulated to members: "The regular passage of lady guests through the Sandpit *every day*, even for a temporary period, would severely impinge upon the essential character of the club and would disrupt the very core of its nature, activity and ambience."

Only the Reform and the National Liberal among London's better-known clubs offer full membership to women, although a number, such as the Army and Navy and the Carlton, allow associate membership. Most, however, have sturdily resisted the forward march. Brooks's prohibits women before 6 pm, while at the Beefsteak they can enjoy pre-theatre drinks, but are banned from luncheon and dinner tables. Some remain obsessively secretive: R. R. T. Smith, secretary of the Athenaeum, is not prepared to discuss the club's attitude to women at all. "If you a drop me a note with your query, I shall ask the committee if I can provide a reply," he says.

● *Michael Heseltine interrupted a cabinet meeting this week to make an important announcement. Was he finally going to divulge the outcome of his poll-tax review, colleagues wondered? In fact the environment secretary had heftier matters on his mind. Each minister was asked to disclose his weight and Heseltine recorded the vital statistics on a piece of paper. His mysterious purpose? Anyone who can guess the combined weight of the cabinet will receive a bottle of whisky signed by the ministers as their contribution to Red Nose day.*

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TIMES PAST THE TIMES

# APPEALS UNDER JUDGMENT

The appeal procedures in English criminal law need urgent reform. Public confidence has declined so much that the whole Court of Appeal itself is now on trial. In the Birmingham Six case, the centre of public attention is not on the guilt or innocence of the appellants, but whether the court can clear a pathway to the truth through the legal maze the appeal has become.

A sound appeals procedure is the bedrock on which public confidence in the judiciary must be built, as Kenneth Baker, the home secretary, acknowledges in an interview in *The Times* today. Eminent lawyers now share the public's doubts, most recently stated by Lord Scarman. There are reforms which would not require changes in the law and which would tackle the system's gravest weaknesses. In the light of the Birmingham Six case, the reform of the forensic science service is urgent. The only question is whether Mr Baker's enquiry will go far enough, or whether a Royal Commission is now inevitable.

The present appeal court judges are not wholly to blame: another set would be equally at risk of discrediting the system. The Law Society is right to draw attention in the paper it published yesterday to the need for a wider pool of recruits to the judiciary, but any such reforms would take a generation to work through to the top.

The central vice of British criminal law is not the narrow-mindedness of judges but its inbuilt bias towards the prosecution. The adversarial system, which in theory should be a protector of innocence, can become a steamroller for crushing the innocent. Judges tend to disbelieve allegations by the accused that the police have invented evidence or forged confessions, or that a scientist has cooked his results. Counter-evidence for the defence is notoriously hard to come by. By giving false evidence, prosecution witnesses can turn the presumption of innocence into a presumption of guilt, which is almost impossible to upset.

Appeal judges fear the very foundations of law and order would collapse once the word of a detective or a forensic scientist is taken as no more reliable than that of an alleged criminal. This is especially so whenever the judges hear that a jury believed the prosecution's witnesses at the original trial. They feel obliged, in order to uphold the jury system, to agree.

This automatic confidence in the integrity of Crown witnesses has become a major source of miscarriages of justice. But to demand tougher punishment for dishonest policemen, or a better forensic science service, or a higher standard of corroboration for confession evidence, will not be sufficient. The Court of Appeal has to start from the assumption that the uncorroborated testimony of a detective superintendent is no more likely to be reliable than, say, that of an Irish labourer. Judges must cease to assume that they have an obligation to uphold public confidence in the police. They should put the integrity of the courts first.

An inquisitorial system, in which a court pursued its own lines of enquiry, would be better than the existing adversarial system. There is merit in the idea floated in *The Times* last year by Sir Frederick Lawton, a former appeal judge, that the Court of Appeal should have its own detective agency. He proposed that a team led by a senior policeman should conduct investigations at the direction of the court, making it a superior version of the French *juge d'instruction*, the examining magistrate.

But a change in principle from an adversarial appeal system to an inquisitorial one, even a switch of emphasis from one to the other, would be too fundamental to be left to a confidential Home Office enquiry. Mr Baker can set the debate in motion. But all the departments of state concerned, together with the judiciary, the legal profession, the civil liberties lobby, the Opposition and the general public should be allowed to contribute. The case for a swift, time-limited Royal Commission on criminal appeals is overwhelming.

# ARMING THE EC

The Gulf war was an object lesson in the limitations of European political co-operation, as Jacques Delors, the European Commission president, admitted ruefully yesterday. The war underlined the lack of a common defence policy and showed that Europeans could not restrict their outlook to their own continent. M Delors is right: Europeans must be ready to defend their values by force of arms. But his solution, a fusion of the Western European Union (WEU) and the European Community, is more likely to weaken than ,to strengthen Europe's response to a Saddam Hussein.

M Delors sensibly wants to build on what exists already: the WEU. Less sensibly he wants to go much further. He wants the EC to take over the WEU article committing each member to come to the aid of any state attacked in Europe. Common defence would be dealt with by European summits and joint council meetings of foreign and defence ministers. Decisions would require unanimity, but any state could opt out and refuse to be bound by a particular decision.

M Delors has put himself firmly on the side of the maximalists, such as the Italians, who see no independent future for the WEU. In doing so, he is again distancing himself from Britain, which insists the WEU should be a bridge between Nato and the Community. But opinion within the EC's intergovernmental conference now appears to be moving closer to the British view.

M Delors glosses over too many difficulties. Ireland, for one, is neutral and remains, along with Greece and Denmark, outside the WEU. Washington is worried, understandably after the Gulf experience, that a separate European defence structure would undermine the globality of "allied" responses to world threats. M Delors is once again trying to run before Brussels can walk. The Community does need to concern itself with certain areas of defence and security policy, as it does in certain areas of trade and industry deregulation.

Arms control, the agenda of the conference on security and cooperation in Europe, attitudes to the United Nations, co-operation on the production and non-proliferation of strategic weapons, are all issues where policy co-ordination is desirable. Britain would be wrong to impede the standardisation of weapons procurement. Joint plans must be made for a Europe where American troops will be thinner on the ground. Nor should talk of sovereignty bedevil the argument: defence is an area where most Western nations have long surrendered full independence to Nato.

The difficulty is in defining the WEU and ensuring a coherent relationship with both the EC and Nato. The prospect is in itself mind-boggling. Like Nato, the WEU has to reassess the threats it faces. It must decide what its responsibility is to be for dealing with conflict in the Balkans or the Middle East, in out-of-area theatres where the threat of conflict is more real than any prospective attack on Western Europe.

Some countries, Britain and France especially, have wider defence interests than their partners. Britain in particular, as the Gulf war showed, is more likely to see things in partnership with Washington than would, say, Belgium. A tidy structure is not the best solution. While WEU decisions ought to overlap with Community policy as much as possible, outright fusion is a bad idea. International co-operation must reflect contrasting interests. Entrench it in excessive bureaucracy and it will collapse.

# THE PINTA RACKET

The Milk Marketing Board is a monopolistic price-fixing mechanism which ensures that British consumers pay more and British farmers earn less for their dairy products than they would in a free market. This week, the board for England and Wales offered to hold a ballot among the 32,000 dairy farmers on whether to become a voluntary co-operative instead of a statutory monopoly. But most farmers like their monthly cheque from the board. They need some persuading of the evils of the present monopoly.

England and Wales have one board, Scotland three and Northern Ireland one. All of them enjoy the exclusive right to buy milk from farmers and to sell it, often through their own giant subsidiary Dairy Crest. The National Farmers' Union has always backed the boards. With the Dairy Trade Federation they form a cartel, more or less tolerated by Brussels.

That these boards have survived since 1933 is a testimony to farmers' fears of competition, and to politicians' cowardice in the face of a well-organised lobby. The empire of the marketing boards remains virgin territory, untouched by the missionaries of Thatcherism. The boards are a monument to the depression of the 1930s. Their privatisation is long overdue.

The government has dithered because the boards have a powerful grip on the public. Doorstep delivery of milk, with which the boards have cleverly identified themselves over the years, is a national institution. British consumption has tended to neglect cheese, yoghurt and newer dairy products in favour of drinking milk, and is largely attributable to the boards' past policies. Imports are penetrating the domestic market due to lack of home-grown competition. British cheeses have fallen victim to cartel operation, with brands vanishing completely or being declared "illegal" by bureaucrats in league with bulk suppliers.

As with most forms of trade protection, consumers are barely conscious that they are paying too much for milk products, while producers are unaware of how far the high prices fixed by the boards have depressed demand. Brave attempts by few farmers to defy the boards' statutory right to sell all British milk have recently forced the government to admit the need for reform. John Gummer, the agriculture secretary, has rightly attacked the boards for stifling enterprise, though this is rather like attacking the whips for stifling backbench revolts.

This week's offer to abolish the milk marketing monopoly by the chairman of the England and Wales board, Robert Steven, has been welcomed by Mr Gummer. But the proposal for a voluntary co-operative would leave the board's centralised structure intact. Dairy companies would still fear its monopoly power. They want it broken up, with no link between Dairy Crest and the new co-operatives. With their milk quotas frozen under the CAP at 1984 levels, many farmers doubt their ability to adapt to a freer market.

Mr Gummer is there to represent the consumer, for whose sake the board should be privatised, not as a unit, but as a number of regional farmer-owned companies. Farmers should be free to stop selling to their local firm if it offered unduly low prices; dairies, too, should be allowed to buy elsewhere, and farmers and dairies to bypass the privatised boards to deal directly with each other. Mr Gummer must listen to the vested interests — but be ready to defy them.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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## War analysis by military experts

*From Field Marshal Sir John Stanier*

Sir, Now that the fighting in the Gulf is over, perhaps I may be allowed to answer the critics of those of us who agreed to comment on the war on radio and television.

When I was first approached, I asked the Ministry of Defence whether there would be any political or military objection to so doing. In reply, I was told, provided I was properly briefed and carefully observed the rules laid down by their public relations staff, the ministry would prefer to have commentators with professional military knowledge rather than others.

The most important rule was that nobody should ever speculate about the operations which the coalition might actually carry out. This rule was, I think, rigidly observed throughout the war.

In the light of the advice I was given, I set myself three aims in anything that I said:

1. To do all that I could to encourage support for our armed forces and confidence in their ability to carry out their task.

2. To explain where possible some of the great difficulties which they faced, which might not be readily apparent to the general public.

3. To discourage over-optimism in the speed or the cost of the final outcome.

In the event, many of us were labelled prophets of doom; but how much better it was to be prepared for the worst than to make the opposite error.

However, with another splendid page now written in the annals of the armed forces of the Crown, perhaps we older ones can be allowed to sink back into our customary anonymity.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN STANIER, Constable,
HM Tower of London, EC3.
March 4.

## Sinking industry of British ships

*From Admiral of the Fleet Lord Lewin*

Sir, May I add a contemporary comment in support of the letter, "A plan for shipping", written by Mr Jonathan Sayeed and other MPs (February 27).

It was necessary to charter 142 ships to transport the 12,000 vehicles, 55,000 tons of ammunition and all the other stores that were needed to position the UK air and land forces in Saudi Arabia ready to fly and fight. To sustain them once fighting had started required a further 19,000 tons of cargo a week.

Only eight of these ships flew the British flag. A further five Royal Fleet Auxiliaries (Blue Ensign) have supplied the ships of the Royal Navy; each has made seven round trips from the UK.

Many more ships were needed to supply and sustain the land and air forces of our Allies, particularly those of the United States.

It was fortunate that the Allies enjoyed command of the sea. Closure of the Suez Canal, or mining of the Straits of Bab-el-Mandeb or of Hormuz, could have seriously reduced the British contribution to the land-air battle.

Yours faithfully,
LEWIN,
House of Lords.
March 1.

*From Mr Gordon D. Brown*

Sir, It is ironic that the latest move to support British shipbuilding comes as work begins at Southwich shipyard in Sunderland to demolish a shipbuilding complex that is one of the most modern in Europe, and which is reputed to have a capital value of about £50 million. This demolition is presided over by British Shipbuilders with the blessing of the present government.

Yours sincerely,
GORDON D. BROWN,
2 Whitby Avenue,
South Bents,
Sunderland,
Tyne and Wear.
February 28.

*From Mr D. L. Williams*

Sir, May I suggest the 300 members of the House of Commons referred to in Mr Jonathan Sayeed's letter direct their attention to the real problem of British shipping — building ships that work.

The RMS St Helena was built at an excessive cost, failed to be delivered on time, was unable to complete its maiden voyage, and is still being repaired. British Shipbuilders have a justifiable complaint when they point out that foreign shipbuilders are subsidised by their governments, but unlike our shipyards when receiving government aid they produce ships that can at least complete their maiden voyages.

Yours faithfully,
D. L. WILLIAMS,
*Dolwerdd, Llangawsai,*
Aberyswyth, Dyfed.

*From Mr T. S. Donaghy*

Sir, Mr Jonathan Sayeed argues for a 100 per cent ship allowance and the elimination of British seafarers' income tax and employers' national insurance contributions as means to stop the contraction of the Merchant Navy.

As to 100 per cent ship allowances (i.e., depreciation at will) they were available from the mid-1960s to 1970. There was much abuse. For some years it was possible to sell unused allowances, by clever schemes, to unrelated companies. The Inland Revenue put a stop to that. And for the most part they were used to relieve tax on non-shipping profits.

Why should the taxpayer subsidise UK shipowners to enhance profits from property and building and heaven knows what? And via a Conservative government?

The fairest solution is to restrict the use of the 100 per cent allowances to the profits from the ships themselves and not to allow them against the general profits of the company. Not an impossible administrative task.

Yours,
T. S. DONAGHY,
The Hollies, Brewery Lane,
Stansted, Essex.

## No 1 Poultry

*From Mr David W. Lloyd*

Sir. The merit of the existing buildings on the Poultry site (report, March 1; letters, March 6) is as a group, in their setting, and is greater than that of any one singly. The intended replacement is a monument to Post-Modernism, the style of the 1980s, the fashion for which is fading.

It would look fine on Finchley Road, but on the intended site would be unlikely to find much favour with the public.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID LLOYD,
17 Fore Street,
Old Harlow, Essex.

*From Mr Lance Oelmann*

Sir, Vast expenditure over many years on public enquiries, court hearings and inspectors' time could be saved and redirected at further "exciting" development (curiously described in the brief as "related to historic buildings in the City") in conservation areas. Is it not time that the system of listed buildings was scrapped?

Yours faithfully,
LANCE OELMANN,
Astor Cottage, Ivy Lane,
Ashington,
Pulborough, West Sussex.

*From Mr Richard Wilne*

Sir, London is not Venice — we must allow the city to change, and to thrive. Weeding out buildings from the past that are not of the best and replacing them with the best our age can provide is not sheer destruction. We must show the world we have confidence in our architecture and confidence in ourselves.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD WILNE,
University College,
The Castle, Durham.

## Salisbury Close

*From the Bishop of Salisbury and the Dean of Salisbury*

Sir, It is clear from your correspondence columns (March 7) that there are some misapprehensions about the character of the Rothermel Thomas report on Salisbury Cathedral Close.

It is in essence a comprehensively researched study which covers all the main problems facing the close, addresses both environmental and other considerations, and sets out an integrated range of proposals, some of which would actually reduce the overall volume of traffic and parking.

We are at one in our gratitude for this report, which makes an indispensable contribution to the necessarily painful search for the best possible management and conservation of this cathedral and its setting.

Yours etc.,
†JOHN SARUM,
H. G. DICKINSON, Dean,
South Canonry, 71 The Close,
Salisbury, Wiltshire.
March 7.

## Romanian memoirs

*From Miss Ilinca R. Bossy*

Sir, I am obliged to Mr Charles Palm for confirming in his letter (March 2) that the Hoover Institution broke our trust in allowing emissaries from Ceausescu's Romania to copy the Bossy papers in their care.

He does not, however, mention their failure to tell us, at the time we contracted with them to donate the film of these papers, that their regulations would allow any user of their library to copy up to 5 per cent of it 100 times over without the copyright owner's permission, or that the film could be taken out of the building by the borrower for unsupervised copying. Had we known all this, we would not conceivably have made the material available to them.

May I also point out that to "publish", as defined by the *Shorter Oxford Dictionary*, is "to make publicly or generally known". Why should any scholar require more than one copy of material for private study?

Had any *bona fide* Romanian scholars wished to read or consult my father's diaries and memoirs, they could have done so at the British Library (a cheaper fare away from Bucharest than California); but there they would not have been permitted to photocopy any part of them.

*I know* that Mr Pătroiu copied the whole of my father's papers because he wrote to tell me so. There may have been a host of other Romanians who were able to do so too. I have *heard* from Romania that the complete papers have been photocopied and widely distributed; I *know* from Mr Palm himself that the Hoover was cited as the source of long passages quoted in a published book; and I have *seen* verbatim quotations from my father's papers in half a dozen Romanian newspapers.

I am delighted to hear that this is probably the first piracy made possible by Hoover; may it be their last.

Yours faithfully,
ILINCA BOSSY,
41 Warriner Gardens, SW11.
March 4.

**Letters to the editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number — (071 782 5046).**

## Interest rates, inflation and recovery

*From Dr Charles Hanson*

Sir, In the debate about the level of interest rates in the UK little has been said about the way in which our rate of inflation is measured. On February 16 it was reported that the current rate of inflation had fallen to 9 per cent, and in comparison with that figure a base rate of interest of 13 per cent (report, February 28) does not seem unduly high.

However, it should be remembered that this inflation rate is a purely historical figure measured over the period January 1990 to January 1991, and in fact since mid-October last the rate has been zero, as the retail price index shows:

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| 1990 | October | 130.3 |
| | November | 130.0 |
| | December | 129.9 |
| 1991 | January | 130.2 |

Against this recent rate of zero inflation, it might be thought that a base rate of 13 per cent is somewhat excessive.

Perhaps the Chancellor of the Exchequer would tell us why he focuses exclusively on the 12-month inflation rate instead of the three-month or the six-month rate. It was Harold Macmillan who stated about 30 years ago that policies were too often made on the basis of last year's Bradshaw. Isn't it time that Mr Lamont and his officials used up-to-date figures for their policy-making instead of inflicting further needless misery on the economy?

Yours faithfully,
CHARLES HANSON,
University of Newcastle upon Tyne,
Department of Economics,
Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 7RU.
March 1.

*From Professor David Currie and Mr Geoffrey Dicks*

Sir, You recently charged the Centre for Economic Forecasting at the London Business School ("Panglossian predictions", leading article, February 25) with being over-optimistic in its assessment of the economy. In so doing, you seriously misread our views.

It is misleading to suggest that we do not wish to see interest rate cuts in the near future. On the contrary, we recognise that the major problems in the economy at the present time stem from the over-indebtedness of many households and companies. For this reason we argue strongly that both economic and political considerations point to the need for an early cut in interest rates and urge the government to introduce a Budget which creates the conditions for interest rates to come down without destabilising the pound within the exchange-rate mechanism.

A deep devaluation of sterling would only accommodate current inflation and condemn the UK to continued high inflation and interest rates. The best way to cut interest rates is to move to a narrow band within the exchange-rate mechanism, either at the middle or bottom of the current broad band. By strengthening our commitment to the ERM and to exchange-rate stability, a narrow band offers the best way of cutting the risk premium inherent in UK interest rates, and thereby to bring rates down.

How then, you ask, can the economy begin to recover "without further significant help from monetary and fiscal policy"? We believe the key to the recovery, as with the move into recession last year, lies with the consumer and we expect growth in consumer spending to resume in the spring. This is because nominal earnings are still rising faster than prices; pensions, child benefit and other social security payments will rise in the Budget; while a neutral Budget (which we assume) will reduce personal income tax payments by £2.5 billion in cash terms.

It is true that higher incomes could be offset by extra savings, but the correlation between high inflation and a high rate of saving must be taken into account. Our forecast shows the saving ratio averaging a little over 8 per cent from 1990 to 1994, while the underlying inflation rate falls from 8 per cent to 4 per cent. A low saving ratio, it is worth recalling, was the experience of the 1960s, the last time when we had a fixed exchange rate and consistently low inflation. In the mid-1970s and early 1980s it was the rise in inflation to 20 per cent which mainly accounted for the high level of personal saving.

On this basis, we expect consumption to rise in real terms by a little over 1 per cent a year over the next three years, compared with more than 6 per cent a year in the 1985-8 period. You cannot seriously describe this as "a return to the Yuppie mentality".

Nor do we accept the charge that our forecast is Panglossian. It shows a recovery beginning in the spring, but after three quarters of steady decline. Moreover, the recovery is muted: it is only by the second quarter of 1992 that GDP rises above its previous peak of the second quarter of 1990. Thus our forecast sees two years of depressed and stagnant output. Not surprisingly, the result is a sharp rise in unemployment over the next 18 months.

In addition, the medium-term prospects are poor: the cost in terms of lower output and higher unemployment of getting the economy back to balance will be felt throughout the first half of the 1990s. This may be the best that can be hoped for, but it is stretching language to describe this forecast as the best of all possible worlds.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID CURRIE,
GEOFFREY DICKS,
London Business School,
Centre for Economic Forecasting,
Sussex Place,
Regent's Park, NW1.
February 26.

## Overseas students

*From Dr E. A. Patterson*

Sir, In our department the high proportion of first-class honours degrees (report, February 25) awarded (12 out of 67 graduates last year) is a result of overseas students raising the overall standard. Overseas students are often the cream from their native countries and consequently distort our statistics.

Last year seven of the first-class degrees we awarded were to students from overseas who subsequently returned to their native countries. Consequently 26 per cent of overseas students graduating from our department obtained firsts compared to 12.5 per cent of home/EC students.

Yours faithfully,
EANN PATTERSON,
The University of Sheffield,
Department of Mechanical and
*Process Engineering,*
Mappin Street,
Sheffield, South Yorkshire.

## Air travel doubts

*From the Secretary of ABTA*

Sir, The letter from Mr Peter Martin (March 1) cannot go unanswered. Mr Martin appears to have completely failed to appreciate the stringent rules applied by the Association of British Travel Agents to all its tour-operating members.

In cases where inclusive packages are cancelled due to war or other circumstances amounting to force majeure, customers are entitled to a full refund with no deduction for any costs which may already have been incurred by the operator.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN G. BOWEN, Secretary,
Association of British Travel
Agents,
55-57 Newman Street, W1.

## Poles apart

*From Dr F. J. Powell*

Sir, Lucinda Powell (February 26) was perhaps nearer the correct pronunciation of her name than she thought when she related her family name to Howl. Most genealogists accept the derivation of the surname Powell to be Ap Howell, the Ap being the Welsh prefix like the Scottish equivalent Mc (or Mac), signifying "son of".

Fortunately the anglicisation of other similar derivatives such as Ap Richard do not run into the difficulty of the long vowel sound which the anglicisation to Powell can present.

Yours faithfully,
FRED J. POWELL,
Summerfield Lodge,
Compton Chamberlayne,
Salisbury, Wiltshire.

*From Mr R. A. Towle*

Sir, I sympathise with Miss Lucinda Powell (as in Pole). My own surname should be pronounced toll (as in bridge). Invariably I am towel (as in bath).

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD ALAN TOWLE,
37 Mill Street,
Ilkeston,
Derbyshire.

*From Mr Andrew Powell*

Sir, If as Douglas Bruce states (March 4) Lucinda Powell considers her name to be "problematical" in its pronunciation, she should perhaps consider the plight of my late great-great-grandfather, Howell Powell.

Yours faithfully,
A. R. POWELL (as in droll),
Top O'th Stones, Smithy Lane,
Rainow, Cheshire.

*From Mr Eric Almond*

Sir, I must gently disagree with Sir Michael Scott (March 4). At the World Jamboree of 1929 held at Arrowe Park, Wirral, to my astonishment, I heard the Chief Scout refer to himself as Barden Poël, as in Noël.

Yours,
ERIC ALMOND,
Sanquhar, Dogmersfield,
Basingstoke, Hampshire.

*From Mrs J. I. Gaastra*

Sir, Miss Powell may care to reflect that upon marriage she won't necessarily exchange her present surname for one which is any easier to pronounce.

Yours faithfully,
JOAN I. GAASTRA (née Mellor),
6 Moorlands Road,
Skelton, York.

# COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
March 7: His Excellency Mr Bryce Harland and Mrs Harland were received in farewell audience by The Queen and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as High Commissioner for New Zealand in London.

His Excellency Monsieur Seydou Madani Sy was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Republic of Senegal to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the Embassy: Monsieur Abdou Sourang (First Counsellor), Monsieur Henri Mendy (First Counsellor), Monsieur Seydou Diop (First Secretary), Madame Fatou Diallo (First Secretary), Monsieur Abdou Sakho (Attaché), Monsieur Amadou Diop (Attaché) and Madame Madeleine Sow (Attaché).

Madame Sy was also received by Her Majesty.

Sir Patrick Wright (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) was present and the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

Mr William Quantrill was received in audience by The Queen and kissed hands upon his appointment as Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Yaounde.

His Excellency the Honourable Henry E. Catto was received in farewell audience by The Queen and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the United States of America to the Court of St James's.

The Queen this afternoon visited the factory of S. Launer and Company (London) at Hackney to celebrate the Company's 50th Anniversary.

Having been received by Mr Gerald Bodmer (Managing Director), Her Majesty toured the factory and unveiled a commemorative plaque.

Mrs John Dugdale, the Right Hon Sir Robert Fellowes and Wing Commander David Walker, RAF were in attendance.

The Prince Edward, International Trustee of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, this morning received the Honourable Ronald Arculli (Chairman of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award in Hong Kong) at Buckingham Palace.

His Royal Highness, Chairman of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Special Projects Group, this evening chaired a meeting of the Group at Buckingham Palace.

The Princess Royal this morning visited the Regional Police Dog Trials at South Cerney and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Gloucestershire (Colonel Martin Gibbs).

Afterwards Her Royal Highness, President of the Royal Association of British Dairy Farmers, attended the Association's Dairy Farming Conference and Dinner at the Abbey Hotel, Malvern and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Hereford and Worcester (Mr Thomas Dunne).

Mrs Charles Ritchie was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
March 7: The Prince of Wales today visited Northern Ireland and was received by the Paymaster General (the Lord Belstead).

His Royal Highness, President, Business in the Community, visited Belfast and was briefed on urban regeneration and visited the Laganside project.

The Prince of Wales was received by Colonel Robert Madocks (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of the City of Belfast).

Subsequently His Royal Highness visited Deramore School for a discussion on education partnerships with supporting businesses.

Afterwards The Prince of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief, The Parachute Regiment, visited the 1st Battalion.

The Prince of Wales visited Bangor, County Down where His Royal Highness was received by the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland (the Right Hon Peter Brooke, MP).

His Royal Highness, President of The Prince's Trust and The Prince's Youth Business Trust, visited Bangor YMCA to meet committee members of the Trusts and young people who have benefited from the Trusts.

Subsequently, The Prince of Wales visited the Royal Ulster Constabulary Headquarters for a meeting with the Chief Constable (Mr Hugh Annesley) and the General Officer Commanding (Lieutenant-General Sir John Wilsey).

Finally His Royal Highness, President, Business in the Community, met Community Entrepreneurs and Business Leadership Teams at Hillsborough Castle.

The Prince of Wales was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for County Down (Colonel William Brownlow).

Major General Sir Christopher Airy was in attendance.

The Princess of Wales, Patron, Turning Point, visited Broadmoor Hospital, Berkshire.

Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the Royal County of Berkshire (Mr John Henderson).

Miss Alexandra Loyd and Mr Patrick Jephson were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
March 7: The Duke of Gloucester this evening was present at the Royal Engineers Corps Guest Night at Brompton Barracks, Chatham, Kent.

Major Nicholas Barne was in attendance.

The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron-in-Chief, Plan International UK – a World Family, today visited the new offices at 5-6 Underhill Street, London, NW1.

In the evening Her Royal Highness attended a Concert to mark the reopening of the Music Department of City University, St John's Street, London, EC1.

Mrs Michael Wigley was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
March 7: The Duke of Kent, Colonel Scots Guards, today visited Companies from the 2nd Battalion at the Garelochhead Training Area, Strathclyde, Scotland.

Captain the Hon Christopher Knollys was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent arrived at Heathrow Airport, London this morning from Canada.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
March 7: Princess Alexandra and Sir Angus Ogilvy were present this evening at a preview of the Exhibition "Ruskin and the Alps", arranged by Lancaster University of which Her Royal Highness is Chancellor, at The Fine Art Society, New Bond Street, London W1.

# Forthcoming marriages

**Mr R.N. Ashley**
**and Miss J.E. Sturt**
The engagement is announced between Richard, younger son of Mr and Mrs N. Ashley, of Burcot, Oxfordshire, and Joanna, second daughter of Mr A.N. Sturt, of Hascombe, Surrey, and Mrs S.D. Sturt, of Chobham, Surrey.

**Mr P.M.A. Belli**
**and Miss L.K.A.M. Adams**
The engagement is announced between Paul, eldest son of the late Mr Bruno Belli and of Mrs Margaret Belli, of East Grinstead, Sussex, and Louisa, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Adams, of Leafield, Oxfordshire.

**Lieutenant P.D.S. Blackman, RN**
**and Miss J.L. Barden**
The engagement is announced between Philip, son of Captain and Mrs R.S. Blackman, of Bath, and Jennifer, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs P. Barden, of Lincoln.

**Mr B.J. Farrer**
**and Mrs K.L. Davis**
The marriage has been arranged between Benjamin John, only son of the late Mr and Mrs John Farrer, of 181 Hills Road, Cambridge, and Katharine Laura, daughter of the late Mr Robert William Harris, and adopted daughter of Joan Lewis, of 45 Suez Road, Cambridge.

**Signor C.M.A. Di Gennaro**
**and Miss J.K. Peck**
The engagement is announced between Claudio, son of Signor and Signora Salvatore Di Gennaro, of Genoa, Italy, and Jenny, younger daughter of the late Mr A.D. Peck and of Mrs Sylvia Peck, of Compton, West Sussex.

**Mr R.J. Lawson**
**and Miss R.C. Stanton**
The engagement is announced between Robert, son of Mr and Mrs A. Lawson, of Hertford, Hertfordshire, and Rachel, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs D.J. Stanton, of Withnell, Lancashire.

**Mr J.L. Lever**
**and Miss K.J. Shamash**
The engagement is announced between Lawrence, son of Mr and Mrs David Lever, of Didsbury, Manchester, and Keren, daughter of Mr and Mrs Jimmy Shamash, of Knightsbridge, London.

**Mr J.R. Manners**
**and Miss H.C.S. Seal**
The engagement is announced between Richard, second son of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Manners, of The Grange, Sowerby-under-Cotcliffe, North Yorkshire, and Heather, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Seal, of The Dene House, Great Budworth, Cheshire.

**Mr T.J. Martin**
**and Miss A. Woodward**
The engagement is announced between Timothy, younger son of Lieutenant-Colonel D.G. Martin, of Manningford Abbots, Wiltshire, and of the late Mrs Martin, and stepson of Mrs D.G. Martin, and Amanda, elder daughter of Mr G.P.S. Woodward, of Penmark, Glamorgan, and of the late Mrs Diana Meredith (née Mackie).

**Mr A.J. Poppleton**
**and Miss S.E. Armes**
The engagement is announced between Antony, son of Mr and Mrs John Poppleton, of Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire, and Sarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ronald Armes, of Pinner Hill, Middlesex.

**Mr J.E. Silva**
**and Miss J.E. Pace**
The engagement is announced between Tom, son of Major and Mrs E.H.T. Silva, of Bishop's Sutton, Hampshire, and Jacqui, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.T Pace, of Crowborough, Sussex.

## Hall closed

The Painted Hall and Chapel of the Royal Naval College, Greenwich, will be closed next Wednesday, March 13.

## OBITUARIES

# MAJ-GEN SIR JOHN WILLOUGHBY

*Major-General Sir John Edward Francis Willoughby, KBE, CB, a former general officer commanding (GOC) Middle East land forces in Aden, died on February 23 aged 77. He was born on June 18, 1913.*

WHEN John Willoughby landed at Aden in 1965 he took on one of the toughest jobs in the British army at that time. More than 120 servicemen had been killed by November 1967 when, after two years of bitter conflict and terrorism, Britain withdrew – leaving Aden to become the independent People's Republic of South Yemen. Willoughby himself had departed by this time, despite a suggestion that his tour might be extended. He had left the headquarters in May, shortly before Lieutenant-Colonel Colin Mitchell made headlines by leading his Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, with bagpipes playing, into Crater – the stronghold of the Arab nationalists.

Willoughby's return to this country, however, was a brief one. In the following year he was sent back to the Middle East as defence adviser to the Federation of Arab Emirates, travelling almost continuously throughout the Gulf in an attempt (neither the first, nor the last) to build a better security framework, using the small British-led force of Trucial Scouts as its foundation. He died still much concerned over the present crisis in the region.

When he finally retired in 1972 he could look back on a career of extraordinary variety and vigour. Few officers see so much action in their lifetime. He had fought his way from Dunkirk to VE-Day and again with distinction in the Korean War. He had served throughout the Middle East, Cyprus and Hong Kong, had toured Africa, Burma, the United States and the Pacific and commanded as many as three infantry battalions, though not all at the same time. He was knighted in 1967 while he was in command in Aden; it was an exceptional honour for a major-general.

John Willoughby came from a military family and, like his father and brother, joined the Middlesex Regiment. Soon after being commissioned in 1933 he gave early notice of his panache by swimming the full length of a swimming pool in his dinner suit and by driving his baby Austin up to the first floor of the officers' mess. He commanded his first battalion, the 2nd Middlesex, in 1943, but only briefly, before being moved to a staff job with a military mission travelling to the United States, to the Pacific and to Burma. He was then given his second command, that of the 1st Dorsets, in 1944 and led them in northwest Europe after D-Day.

Like others of his generation he had to descend from such dizzy heights when the war ended and he fought in Korea as a mere company commander, back with the Middlesex by now. Not until 1954 at the age of 41 was he rewarded with his third command, that of the regiment's 1st battalion in Austria and the Middle East. A posting in Cyprus in the mid-1950s was followed by a tour as chief-of-staff with land forces Hong Kong in 1961.

Then after commanding West Midland district he was sent on a special mission to southern Africa to make a study of military logistics for the Wilson government, following the unilateral declaration of independence by Ian Smith's regime in Rhodesia. That was his last job before being sent to Aden, a post for which he had been carefully selected. He was by now hugely experienced, both in command and staff work, to which he applied a clear mind and a lively sense of humour.

John Willoughby was a natural athlete, who as a young man had not only represented the army as a middle distance runner but fenced for England on a number of occasions and narrowly missed the 1948 Olympics.

He is survived by his wife, Rosamund, whom he married in 1938, and three daughters.

# PAT HILLYARD

*Pat Hillyard, OBE, head of BBC light entertainment on television, 1948-52, and on radio, 1952-64, died on March 2 aged 90. He was born on May 5, 1900.*

PAT Hillyard was associated with the success of showbusiness on radio in its heyday when it developed new dimensions of comedy. Tony Hancock, the Goons, and *Take it from Here* took further the emphasis on strong characterisation brought to broadcasting by ITMA. The Goons added to it the surreal, which was to open up a rich vein a generation later on television with *Monty Python's Flying Circus.*

Hillyard had behind him a theatre tradition and knew the sense of immediacy that it provides, an asset when seeking to gauge what will, or will not, create a response in broadcasting. He started life as a stage manager in the West End at the age of 23 and worked with the actor manager Sir Seymour Hicks. He was also involved with bringing Fred Astaire to the London stage in the 1930s in *Gay Divorce*. His career in show business spanned five decades from the 1920s to 1960s and in 1956 he was appointed OBE for services to broadcasting.

Born in Cork, Ireland, Patrick Cyril Henry Hillyard served with the Munster Fusiliers in the first world war. In the mid-1920s he moved to New York to stage direct on Broadway, before returning to London in the 1930s to become one the leading producers of musical comedies, such as *The Desert Song, Gay Divorce, Jolly Roger, No More Ladies, On Your Toes* and *Lilac Time.*

He joined BBC television in its infancy in 1938 and staged its first live musical with *On Your Toes* at Alexandra Palace. When the second world war began he became assistant head of BBC Variety and was responsible for many wartime comedy radio shows such as *ITMA* with Tommy Handley and *Hi Gang* with Bebe Daniels, Ben Lyon and Vic Oliver. After the war he returned to BBC television as head of light entertainment from 1948 to 1952. He was responsible for bringing the whole of the Lido Show in Paris to London and putting it on BBC television live in 1948.

In 1952 he became head of BBC light entertainment radio. He was responsible for nurturing such well known programmes as the Goons, and the shows with which he was associated included *Educating Archie, Take it from Here, Round the Horne* and *Hancock's Half Hour.* He created an atmosphere in which talent flourished, without ever being either as flamboyant or as extrovert as might be expected from someone in his show business position. A generation of new script writers were also given their chance, with Dennis Nordern and Frank Muir, Bob Monkhouse and Galton and Simpson coming to the fore. Through having spent time in New York he was able to call on some of his old friends such as Bob Hope and Jack Benny to bring their talents to British radio.

Hillyard retired from the BBC in 1964 and lived in London and Malta for many years before moving to the Isle of Wight in 1986. His wife, Babs, died in 1985 and he is survived by his son.

# PROFESSOR KENNETH JACKSON

*Professor Kenneth Jackson, CBE, FBA, professor of Celtic languages, literature, history and antiquities at Edinburgh University from 1950 to 1979, has died aged 81. He was born on November 1, 1909.*

KENNETH Hurlstone Jackson was a master of all four of the major Celtic languages: Welsh, Irish, Scottish Gaelic and Breton and could have claimed to be a world authority on most, if not all, of the subjects that his Edinburgh chair called upon him to profess. Educated at Whitgift School, he had been a brilliant graduate in classics at St John's College, Cambridge, where he took first class honours with distinction in both parts of the tripos 1930 and 1931 as well as winning Sir William Browne medals for Greek and Latin verse. But he proved himself equally brilliant in Celtic which he combined with the study of Anglo-Saxon and Old Norse, to take first class honours with distinction in the archaeology and anthropology tripos in 1932.

He was awarded the Richard Allen studentship which enabled him to study early Welsh poetry under Ifor Williams at Bangor and Old Irish under Osborn Bergin in Dublin. There followed a fellowship of St John's, Cambridge, and a faculty lectureship in Celtic. Later, in 1939, he was appointed to a lectureship at Harvard University with rapid promotion culminating in a professorship (1949-50). His time at Harvard was interrupted by war service in the British censorship in Bermuda and he performed the notable feat of qualifying as a censor in 23 languages.

During this period he also wrote four books reflecting his training and interests. The first two evidenced his training in the Cambridge section B tripos (archaeology and anthropology), which had been made famous by Hector Munro Chadwick, supported by his wife, joint-author with him of *The Growth of Literature.* The fourth, *Scéalta ón mBlascaod* (Tales from the Blaskets, 1939) shows the influence of Robin Floer and reminds us that the author was by this time a well-trained phonetician.

Jackson's major works followed his appointment to the Edinburgh chair. *Language and History in Early Britain* (1953) traced the development of the phonology of the British dialects of Celtic from Roman times down to the twelfth century and was at once hailed as one of the most important contributions to Celtic scholarship in our times. In 1967 came *A Historical Phonology of Breton*, an exhaustive treatment of historical phonology unique in the study of Celtic and rare in the study of other languages. Both may be regarded as successors to Holger Pedersen's *Keltische Grammatik*, though the additional impulse provided by Max Foerster's *Der Flussname Themse und seine Sippe* should not be forgotten.

These monumental volumes proved that Jackson was a scholar as exceptional in his dedication as in his ability. But he planned two more *magna opera.* Illness delayed the publication of his edition of *Aislinge Meic Con Clinne* (1990) and illness and death have prevented the completion of "A Historical Grammar of Irish", although some of the material for it has been incorporated in the appendix to the *Aislinge.*

Although he avoided academic politics, Jackson promoted Celtic studies as much as he could by serving as a member or officer of various learned societies and institutions. Always a perfectionist, he could understandably be intolerant of criticism of his own work and at the same time harshly critical of the shortcomings in that of others. On the other hand he was generously appreciative of any excellent research done by colleagues or students. Conscious of his characteristically Teutonic reserve, he did not always feel at home among his more ebullient Celtic colleagues, but he enjoyed their friendship.

Elected FBA in 1957, he was appointed CBE in 1985.

He is survived by his wife, Janet Dall, née Galloway, and his son and daughter.

# DOM MARTINHO da COSTA

*Dom Martinho da Costa Lopes, acting Bishop of Portuguese East Timor 1977-83, died in Lisbon on February 26 aged 72. He was born on November 11, 1918.*

DOM Martinho da Costa Lopes was acting Bishop of Portuguese East Timor following the Indonesian invasion of the territory in 1975. He repeatedly denounced the atrocities committed against the Timorese people by Indonesian soldiers and drew world attention to them. He personally appealed to the Indonesian ministry of defence and military officers to halt the crimes against human rights. Many of those being hunted were shielded by him and he helped others to find refuge in Portugal.

In 1983, the Holy See in Rome accepted Dom Martinho's resignation as acting bishop and he was called to Rome for an audience with Pope John Paul II. The Timorese refugee community in Portugal firmly believed that the Vatican had relieved him of his post at the insistence of the government of Indonesia, though this has never been confirmed.

Dom Martinho came to Portugal where he continued to work tirelessly among the thousands of Timorese refugees who fled Timor over the next 17 years. He administered to them in the national stadium outside Lisbon, where they were quartered in huts and later in scattered boarding houses around the city. He continued to call the world's attention to the situation in Portuguese East Timor.

He was born and educated in Timor and after going to Macao to undertake further studies in theology and philisophy he returned there to teach. He had served as deputy for Timor to the Portuguese national assembly.

## Birthdays today

Colonel Sir Henry Abel Smith, former governor, Queensland, 91; Major-General Sir Christopher Airy, royal equerry, 57; Sir John Badenoch, physician, 71; Mr Gyles Brandreth, author and broadcaster, 43; Sir Julian Bullard, diplomat, 63; Sir Anthony Caro, sculptor, 67; Sir James Comyn, former High Court judge, 70.

Mr Phil Edmonds, cricketer, 40; Mr Michael Grade, chief executive, Channel 4, 48; the Hon Douglas Hurd, MP, 61; Mr Michael Inchbald, designer, 71; Miss Ann Jenner, ballerina, 47; Sir Geoffrey Meade, former consul, 89; Miss Lynn Redgrave, actress, 48; Rabbi Professor Jonathan Sacks, Chief Rabbi-designate, 43; Miss Lynn Seymour, ballerina, 52; Professor Norman Stone, modern historian, 50; Mr Robert Tear, tenor, 52; Mr J.S. Tomkinson, obstetrician and gynaecologist, 75; Mr David Wilkie, swimmer, 37.

## St Leonards School, St Andrews

The following entrance scholarships have been awarded for 1991.

Scholarships have been awarded at 13+ to Jacqueline Macdonald, Drumley House School, and to Erica Bennett at 12+, Cargilfield School.

An exhibition at 13+ has been awarded to Caroline Cooke, Beaconhurst Grange.

Sixth form scholarships have been awarded to Anna Abbott, Mary-Ann Etiebet and Claire Methven, St Leonards School.

## Royal Warrant Holders Association

The following have been elected officers of the Royal Warrant Holders Association for the ensuing year: President, Mr Bryan Toye; Vice-President, Mr David Palengat; Honorary Treasurer, Mr Sam H.G. Twining.

# Dinners

**Corps of Royal Engineers**
The Duke of Gloucester attended a guest night dinner of the Corps of Royal Engineers held last night at the HQ Mess, Chatham. General Sir George Cooper, Chief Royal Engineer, presided. Among the other guests were:
The High Commissioner for Malaysia, Mr Tom King, MP, General Sir John Waters, Lieutenant-General Sir Edward Jones, Sir Hugh Bidwell, Sir Philip Goodhart, MP, Mr P J Hunt, Mr B W Stanley, Major-General R E Barron and Brigadier R S Mountford.

**Corporation of London**
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, received the guests at a dinner given by the Corporation of London last night at the Mansion House in honour of the Lord Mayor of Helsinki and Mrs Ilaskivi. Among others present were:
Mr Carl Adolfsson, Mr Shuo Somiska, Mr Harri Sormanen, the Finnish Ambassador and Mrs Pastinen, the Austrian Ambassador and Frau Magrutsch, the Ambassador of Iceland and Mrs Agustsson, the Ambassador of Chile and Senora Riesco, Lord and Lady Auckland, Sir Richard and Lady Francis, Sir Alan Glyn, MP, and Lady Rosula Glyn, Mr Kenneth Warren, MP, and Mrs Warren, Mr Michael Morris, MP, and Mrs Morris, members of the Finnish Embassy, representatives of organisations having commercial or cultural connections with Finland, the Civil Service and the House of Commons, aldermen, common councilmen and officers of the Corporation of London and their guests.

**Royal Cruising Club**
Rear-Admiral E.F. Gueritz, President of the Society for Nautical Research, accompanied by Mrs Gueritz, was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of the Royal Cruising Club held last night at the Naval and Military Club. Admiral Sir Jeremy Black, Commodore of the Royal Naval Sailing Association, and Lady Black were among the guests received by G. W Nockolds, Commodore.

**Building Employers Confederation**
Mr John Woodhouse, President of the London region of the Building Employers Confederation, presided at the annual president's luncheon held yesterday at the Institute of Directors. Sir Gordon Borrie, QC, Director General of Fair Trading, was the guest speaker.

**Mounted Infantry Club**
General Sir Frank Kitson presided at the annual dinner of the Mounted Infantry Club held last night at Boodle's. The Marquess of Hartington was the guest.

**British Support Command L & MS**
Colonel R. I. Walters, Commander, and Officers of the British Support Command Liaison and Movements Staff TA held a Nato dinner last night at the Prince William of Gloucester Barracks, Grantham. Lieutenant-Colonel C.W.M. Milner-Williams presided.

## Luncheon

**Association of Accounting Technicians**
The President, Mr John Farquhar, and Council of the Association of Accounting Technicians, held their annual lunch at Insurance Hall, London, yesterday. Mr D. Morgan, County Treasurer for Lancashire County Council, was the principal speaker.

The guests of honour included Mr J.J. West (Chairman, finance sub-committee, Lancashire County Council), Mr M. Lickiss (founder president of the association), presidents of the chartered accountancy bodies and Ambassadors and High Commissioners from countries throughout the world where the Association is represented. These included Czechoslovakia, Cyprus, Malaysia, Singapore, Hungary, Zambia, Sudan, Jamaica, Papua New Guinea, Sierra Leone, Trinidad and Tobago, Nigeria, Zimbabwe, Malawi, Barbados, Malta, Mauritius, Sri Lanka and Poland.

## Service of thanksgiving

**Mrs Michael Smiley**
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mrs Lavinia Smiley was held yesterday at Chelsea Old Church. Prebendary C.E. Leighton Thomson officiated. Mr James Smiley and Mr Andrew Smiley, sons, read the lessons.

## Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Carl Philipp Bach, composer, Weimar, Germany, 1714; Kenneth Grahame, the author of *The Wind in the Willows*, Edinburgh, 1859; Frederic William Goudy, typographer, Bloomington, Illinois, 1865; Otto Hahn, pioneer of nuclear fission, Nobel laureate 1944, Frankfurt am Main, 1879.

DEATHS: William III, reigned with Mary II 1689-94, then alone to 1702, London, 1702; Abraham Darby, iron founder, Worcester, 1717; Sir William Chambers, architect, London, 1796; William Gilpin, animal painter, London, 1807; Hector Berlioz, composer, Paris, 1869; Millard Fillmore, 13th president of the USA 1850-53, Buffalo, New York, 1874; Henry Ward Beecher, preacher, Brookline, Massachusetts, 1887; John Ericsson, pioneer of the screw propeller, New York, 1889; Count Ferdinand von Zeppelin, airship constructor, Charlottenburg, Germany, 1917; Sherwood Anderson, novelist and poet, Colon, Panama, 1941; Sir Thomas Beecham, conductor, 1961; Sir William Walton, composer, Ischia, 1983.

## The King's School, Canterbury

The Headmaster and the Director of Music, Mr Stephen Pinnock, are pleased to announce that Mr Colin Metters, Director of Conducting Studies at the Royal Academy of Music, has been appointed Head of Orchestral Studies at The King's School, Canterbury, from September 1, 1991.

**Music Scholarships**
The following have been elected to Music Scholarships:
Daniel Bartlett, Northbourne Park School, Betteshanger; James Capel, The Prebendal School, Chichester; Tess Coombe, Trevor Roberts Tutorial, Hampstead; Nigel Field, St Faith's School, Cambridge; Anna Lewis, St Lawrence Junior School, Ramsgate; Sarah Petrie, The Downs School, Bristol; Nicholas Tattersall, Junior King's School. An Honorary Music Scholarship has been awarded to Samuel Digney, Dulwich College Preparatory School, London.

**Sixth Form Music Scholarships**
Richard Hagan, Borden Grammar School, Sittingbourne; Honorary Music Scholarships to Sarah Corp, James Allens Girls' School, Antonia Zalewski, Ashford School for Girls.

## Royal Society of Edinburgh

The following have been elected as Fellows of the Royal Society of Edinburgh Society:
Professor James Armour, Professor Ronald Asher, Professor Lalage Bown, Professor Alastair Breckenridge, Dr David Breeze, Dr Alexander Broadie, Dr Kenneth Brown, Dr Melvin Cannell, Professor John Chapman, Professor Richard Cogdell, Professor Gordon Donaldson, Professor Charles Downes, Dr Douglas Fettes, Dr John Francis, Mr Ivor Guild, Professor Robert Hillenbrand, Professor James Hough, Professor Peter Howie, Mr Thomas Hutchison, Professor Robert Kennedy.

Professor Janet McDonald, Dr Raymond MacDonald, Professor Douglas MacDowell, Sir Norman Macfarlane, Lord Mackenzie-Stuart, Dr Alastair Milne, Professor Roger Nisbet, Dr Egil Orskov, Dr Alec Panchen, Professor David Rankin, Professor Keith Robbins, Professor Stephen Salter, Professor John Scaife, Professor Peter Slater, Professor Hamilton Smith, Professor John Smith, Professor William Smith, Professor Donald Titterington, Professor William Wilson, Dr Andrew Wyllie.

HONORARY FELLOWS: Sir Michael Epstein, Dr Jerzy Kroh, Professor Lawrence Payne, Sir David Phillips.

## Today's royal engagements

The Princess of Wales will attend a luncheon at the Marriott Hotel at 12.20 in aid of the National Foster Care Association and the Thomas Coram Foundation for Children.

The Princess Royal will attend a reception given by the Adult Literacy and Basic Skills Unit at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Birmingham, at 5.00.

## Marriage

**Mr M.A. Kidner**
**and Mrs H.C. Wallwork**
The marriage took place on Saturday, March 2, at the Priory, Great Malvern, between Mr Michael Kidner, husband of the late Mrs Noreen Kidner, and Mrs Pam Wallwork, widow of Mr Harry C. Wallwork, OBE. The Rev Julian Charley officiated.

## Mr Joe Lister

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Joe Lister, former Yorkshire County Cricket Club Secretary, will be held in St Wilfrid's Church, Duchy Road, Harrogate, at noon on Saturday, March 23, 1991.

## Westminster School

The following have been awarded Scholarships or Awards:

**Sixth Form Entrance Scholarships** Lisette Aguilar (Brighton and Hove H.S.) funded by the Emmott Foundation; Sarah Armstrong-Prior (Malvern Girls' College) funded by the Rayne Foundation; Zillah Eagles (Putney H.S for Girls); Youn-Joo Lee (Wimbledon H.S.); Katie Purnell (George Abbot School, Guildford) funded by the Bernard Sunley Foundation; Emily Saunders (Loreto Convent G.S, Altrincham); Laura Viscovich (Coloma Convent, Croydon).

**Music Scholarships and Awards** have been won by Henry Colaco (Westminster Abbey Choir School), Nicholas Hagon (Dulwich College Preparatory School), Alexander Evans (Westminster Under School), Heneage Stevenson (Westminster Cathedral Choir School), Timothy Chettle (North Bridge House School), Daniel Jewel (Arnold House).

**Grand Metropolitan Classical Bursaries** have been won by Giles Allison, Abigail Chisman, Ilsa Godlovitch, Martha Lane-Fox, Simon Harwood-Levitt, Matthew Robinson, Jonathan Ross.

## Canford School

Canford School announces the following Awards:

Major Scholarships: W J. Bell, Dumpton School, Wimborne; T M. Godber, Walhampton, Lymington; T.P. Campbell-Colquhoun, The Mall, Twickenham; O B.K. Fawcett, Dumpton School, Wimborne; S.W. Plummer, Northaw School, Salisbury.

Minor Scholarships: L.O.B Vrettos, Castle Court Preparatory School, Wimborne; N.D.St.C. Harris, The Old Malthouse, Swanage; A.C. Major, Dorset House, Pulborough.

Naval Scholarship: A.A.D Hobbs, Northaw School, Salisbury.

Jubilee Art Scholarship: T P.L. Thomas, Castle Court Preparatory School, Wimborne.

Music Scholarships: T.G.D Pryce, Castle Court Preparatory School, Wimborne; B.D Dove-Seymour, Hordle House, Milford on Sea; W J. Lynn, Bishop Wordsworth Grammar School, Salisbury; A.C.P. Tilson, Perrott Hill School, Crewkerne.

## Appointment

Air Vice-Marshal T. Garden to be Assistant Chief of the Air Staff, in succession to Air Vice-Marshal C. J. Thomson, from March 7.

## Church news

**Appointments**
The Rev Nigel Adams, Curate, St Oswald's, Tile Hill, Coventry, to be Curate-in-Charge (pending Team Vicar), Holy Cross, Wyken, Coventry, in the Caludon team (Coventry).
The Rev John D Benson, Vicar, Thorne, nr Doncaster, to be Vicar, All Saints, Totley (Sheffield).
The Rev Canon Timothy M F Bliss, Team Rector, Beaminster team (Salisbury): to be also Sudan Adviser for Development Education.

God's grace instructs us to give up ungodly living and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this world.
Titus 2 : 12 G.N.B

## BIRTHS

**AMBLER** - On March 4th, to Sally (née Sharp) and Richard, a second son.

**BELL RYOTT** - On March 7th, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, London, to Portia (née Ryott) and Stephen, a daughter, Emma.

**BOTT** - On March 7th, to Louise (née Burn) and Charles, a daughter, Natasha Sophie Llewellyn, a sister for Alexandra, at The Portland Hospital.

**BRILL** - On March 6th, at Princess Margaret Hospital, Swindon, to Angela (née Holt) and Christopher, a daughter, Frances Naomi.

**CAREY** - On March 6th, at St Thomas', to Liz (née Farrant) and Alistair, a son Benjamin.

**COOKE** - On March 2nd, at The Portland Hospital, to Elizabeth (Thomas) and Peter, a son, George Henry.

**CROCKER**-On March 5th, to Paula and Michael, a son, Clinton James, a brother for Ashley.

**GAGE** - On March 3rd, to Karen (née Hewitson) and Patrick, a son, William Patrick.

**HORNER** - On February 27th, in New York, U.S.A., to Atalanta (née Roberts) and Tim, a daughter, Dominique Alexandra.

**LAWSON** - On March 5th, to Kate and Douglas, a son, Robert Douglas.

**MASON** - On March 5th, at The Portland Hospital, to Nicky and Piers, a daughter, Leah Charlotte.

**PENNY** - On March 1st, at St Albans, to Lorraine and Nick, a beautiful son, William Hudson.

**ROWNTREE** - On March 4th, to Carol (née Dennis) and Steven, a son, Samuel Richard.

**THOMPSON** - On March 5th, to Mary (née Brooks) and John, a daughter, Catherine Mary. Always remembering Claire.

**VELARDE** - On March 2nd, at The Portland Hospital, to Tina (née Webster) and Matthew, a son, Archie, brother for Max.

**WATSON** - On March 4th, at Matilda Hospital, Hong Kong, to Tessaly and Jonathan, a daughter.

**YIELDER** - On March 6th, to Jill and Richard, a son, James Martin, a brother to Rebekah and Daniel.

## GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

**GIBBON:HOBBS** - On March 8th 1941, in Cardiff, Hopkin to Muriel, present address 51 Westbourne Road, Whitchurch, Cardiff.

**McCALL:RELLIE** - On March 8th 1941, at St John's, Weymouth Micky and Jean are now at Gate House Langton Herring, Dorset. Congratulations and lots of love from Andrew, Simon, Sheena, their families and all your many friends.

## DEATHS

**BIRKIN** - On March 6th, peacefully in his sleep at home, after many years of illness most bravely borne, David Birkin, D.S.C., Légion d'Honneur, adored by all his family: his wife Judy, children Andrew, Jane and Linda: grandchildren Kate, Charlotte, Lou, David, Alexander, Ned, Henry, George, Jack, and great-grandson Roman. Funeral Service at Chelsea Old Church on Thursday March 14th at 12.00. All flowers and enquiries to J.H Kenyon Ltd., tel: (071) 937-0757.

**BISHOP** - On March 6th at St John's Home, Oxford, Edward Forbes Bishop SSJE, Priest, in the 89th year of his age. Funeral with requiem at St John's Home, St Mary's Road, at 11.30 am on Tuesday March 12th, followed by interment at Rose Hill Cemetery.

**CLISSOLD** - On March 5th, H.D., peacefully at home in Yarm, Dane, aged 63 years. Much loved husband of Rachel and father of Tim, Oliver and Max. Funeral Service to be held in Yarm Parish Church on Monday March 11th at 12.30 pm. Family flowers only, donations to North Tees Scanner Appeal c/o Yarm Funeral Service, Bank House, Yarm Road, Eaglescliffe, Cleveland.

**EGGAR** - On March 3rd 1991, in hospital, David Petrie, of Farnham, Surrey. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Bentley, Hants., on Thursday March 14th at 2 pm. Enquiries to Thorne-Leggett Funeral Directors, tel: (0420) 488896.

**FORDHAM** - On March 5th, peacefully, Peta, wife of the late Wilfrid Fordham and mother of Colin. Funeral Service will be at Bedford Chapel, Golders Green, on Tuesday March 12th at 3.40pm.

**GALLOWAY** - On March 6th, James Forbes, aged 87 years, beloved husband of Sheila and father of Joan. Funeral Service St Columba's Church, Finchfield, Wolverhampton, Wednesday March 13th at 2.15 pm, followed by cremation at Bushbury West Chapel. Family flowers only, donations to Mencap, 123 Golden Lane, London EC1Y 0RT.

**GRIFFITH-JONES** - On March 4th 1991, at St Edmund's Nursing Home, David Leoline, aged 71 years. Funeral Service takes place at The West Suffolk Crematorium, Bury St Edmunds, Tuesday March 12th at 9.45 am.

**MACLURE** - On March 6th, after a week in hospital, Elspeth King, aged 83, widow of John William Spencer, very dear mother of Rosemary, Ian and Patrick and a much loved grandmother and great-grandmother. Private cremation followed by a Service of Thanksgiving in St Michael's Church, Winchester, on Wednesday March 13th at 2.30 pm. No flowers, but donations, if wished, may be made to The League of Friends of Winchester Hospitals, c/o J.Steel & Sons, Chesil Street, Winchester. (Tel:0962-844044).

**MARSHALL** - On March 6th 1991 at the the Old Rectory, Lea, Gainsborough, Olga widow of Norman Dickenson Marshall and beloved mother of Nigel. Funeral St. Helen's Church, Lea, Gainsborough on Monday, March 11th at 11am.

**McCLEAN** - On March 6th, peacefully in his sleep, in his 91st year, Reginald John, Professor Emeritus, beloved husband of Kerstin, father of John, father-in-law of Valerie and grandfather of Daniel and Stefan. Private service and cremation on March 25th. No flowers please.

**MUSGRAVE** - On March 6th 1991, peacefully, Forrest Fairbrother, Husband of Betty, father of Madge, Kit, and Miriam, and grandfather of Alan and Janet. Cremation private. No flowers or letters by request.

**PAUL** - On Tuesday March 5th, suddenly at Countess of Brecknock House, Andover, Morvon. Funeral service Appleshaw Parish Church, 3.30 pm, March 13th. No flowers. Donations in lieu to Dunning Funeral Services, Andover, for Countess of Brecknock House.

**PEEL YATES** - On March 6th 1991, at The Dilke Memorial Hospital, Cinderford, Phyllis, widow of Derek and mother of Patrick and Digby. Greatly beloved by them, by their families and by all who knew her. Funeral Service at Gloucester Crematorium on Monday March 18th at 12.30 pm. Family flowers only donations to NSPCC.

**PESKETT** - On March 7th, peacefully at the Kent and Sussex Hospital, Sidney John Peskett OBE, ARAES, Order of Leopold II (Belgium), aged 84. Beloved husband of Evelyn and dearest father of John and Janet. Donations please to British Heart Foundation, 102 Gloucester Place, London W1H 4DH.

**RAPHAEL** - On Thursday March 7th 1991, peacefully at home, Howard Oscar, husband of Amia, brother of Anna and Maurice. Deeply mourned by his family and friends.

**READE** - On March 4th, peacefully at Thamesfield Nursing Home, Henley-on-Thames, after a long illness, Joan (née Rymer), beloved wife of Michael. Funeral at Ipsden, 2.30, Monday March 11th. No flowers, donations to Multiple Sclerosis Society (London SW6 1EE) or York Civic Trust (York YO1 1RN) would be welcomed.

**ROBINSON** - On March 3rd, Lt. Col. John Timothy (Tim) M.C., R.A. (Retd), of Wilton, Salisbury, much loved husband and father. R.I.P. Funeral Service at Wilton Parish Church on Friday March 8th at 2 pm. There will be a Requiem Mass at St Osmund's Church, Salisbury, at 11.30 am on the same day. Family flowers only, but donations if desired for Salisbury Hospice Care Trust c/o I.N. Newman Ltd., Griffin House, 55 Winchester Street, Salisbury SP1 1HL.

**RUBIN** - On March 6th, her 60th birthday, Hilary, mother of Richard. Funeral at St Matthew's Church, St Petersburgh Place, Bayswater, on March 15th at 12 o'clock. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to the British Association of Cancer United Patients, 121-123 Charterhouse Street, EC1M 6AA.

**SLOW** - On February 26th, in Cheltenham, Clive Slow, E.C., O.B.E., aged 95 years, husband of the late Dr. Mary Taylor.

**STONE** - On March 6th, peacefully at Dalswoodie, Dumfries, Kenneth Thomas, Member of No.3 Co. HAC 1927, RAFVR 1939-45. Beloved brother of Elspeth (Marchioness of Ely). Service, Masonhill Crematorium, Ayr, 2.30 pm Tuesday March 12th. By his wish no flowers but donations, if desired, to RAF Benevolent Fund, 67 Portland Place, W1.

## MEMORIAL SERVICES

**MEGLAUGHLIN** - The Memorial Service for Ann Jennifer Meglaughlin will not take place on March 26th owing to the continued indisposition of her brother.

**POWLETT** - The thanksgiving service for the life of Rear Admiral Philip Frederick Powlett will take place at Norwich Cathedral on Friday March 22nd 1991 at 12 noon.

## IN MEMORIAM – PRIVATE

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**GISSEL SHELBROOKE-TARIFA** B.A. (Hons) Salud! 22 today. Happy everlasting returns. Te amo xx pop Hugo.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** Abigail Louise O'Sullivan - Salud. Lots of love & kisses, Mum & Dad.

**MARTYN CHU** Happy 14th birthday. Love Mum, Dad and Ian.

**MUKAMI** - Keith M. Congratulations on your 21st, love Ely.

**NIGEL CURZON** is 21 - and a bit! - today. May he have a long, healthy and happy life. G.

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MARCH 8 **ON THIS DAY** 1926

*The Stratford Memorial Theatre had been opened in 1879. Its successor, designed by Elisabeth Scott, was opened in 1932 on Shakespeare's birthday, April 23. She was a cousin of Sir Giles Gilbert Scott, architect of Liverpool Cathedral, and her grandmother was a sister of G. F. Bodley, the distinguished nineteenth century architect.*

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## SHAKESPEARE THEATRE BURNT DOWN

The Shakespeare Memorial Theatre was destroyed by fire yesterday afternoon and to-day is a smouldering shell, in which there is little left to burn except the ends of beams and half-timbers still left in the red brick walls. These have occasionally flared into little jets of flame to-day, but the fire completed its main work of destruction in less than three hours, and though the fire engines of six towns were quickly at work, their efforts had soon to be confined to saving the adjacent library and museum.

These buildings are quite undamaged, though the door of the bridge leading from the theatre to them was often alight and to-day is just charcoal. The tower which rises above the bridge was burnt out, and it is evident now that if the firemen had not concentrated on keeping the fire out of these buildings the whole group would have been involved. The authorities, and indeed the citizens, were never quite satisfied that the fire could be confined to the theatre, and consequently the whole of the contents of museum and library were moved by a great band of helpers to the lecture room on the other side of the street. Some of these treasures were a little roughly handled in the excitement and hurry, but none of them has suffered seriously.

There were very few valuable Shakespearian relics in the theatre. A few old prints and playbills hung on the walls, and these were destroyed. A certain amount of scenery and backcloths on the stage have gone, but the chief loss is the building. Its age made it fine fuel, for it was built nearly 50 years ago, when building regulations did not insist on theatres being made fireproof. A great amount of timber was used in its construction, and this blazed so fiercely that, within half an hour of the alarm being given, the building was a mass of flames, which the water pumped by six fire engines did nothing to subdue.

The alarm was given by a passer-by at 2.50 yesterday afternoon. The fire started at the back of the stage, but how it was caused has not been discovered. There were no people in the theatre at the time, though employees had been at work there during the morning. Within a short time the local fire brigade was on the scene, but found it impossible to get inside the building. Some windows were broken and hosepipes were put through, but the flames had already secured a good hold, and the jets of water did not stay them.

The theatre was insured, though not for a sufficiently large sum to enable it to be rebuilt without assistance from other sources. There is no danger, however, that the memorial will not be rebuilt, for I have been assured to-day by the chairman of the trustees (Mr A. D. Flower) that the site will not be allowed to remain vacant and — more urgent still at the moment — that this year's birthday festival, due to begin on April 12, will not have to be abandoned.

The Memorial Theatre was opened on April 23, 1879, the foundation-stone having been laid two years earlier, and since then, except during the war, festivals have taken place there annually. At first they lasted for only a week, but gradually the length was increased under the *régime* of Sir Frank Benson and his company, until now Mr Bridges Adams's Stratford-on-Avon Festival Company gives a Birthday Festival lasting for five weeks, and a Summer Festival which lasts even longer.

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Proxies to be used at the Meeting must be lodged at the offices of Haines Watts Insolvency Services, 51 Gray's Inn Road, London WC1X 8PP, the Registered Office of the company, not later than 12.00 noon on 19 March 1991.

A list of the names and addresses of the creditors of the company will be available for inspection by creditors at Haines Watts Insolvency Services, 51 Gray's Inn Road, London WC1X 8PP, between the hours of 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. on 18 and 19 March 1991.

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BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
DR. D.J. BYRNE
DIRECTOR
Dated this 4th day of March 1991.

**CHANCERY FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT LTD.**
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of The Insolvency Act, 1986, that a Meeting of the creditors of the above-named Company will be held at the offices of LEONARD CURTIS & CO., situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace., (2nd Floor), London, W2 6LF, on Friday, the 15th day of March, 1991 at 12.00 noon for the purposes provided for in Section 98 et seq.

A list of the names and addresses of the above Company's Creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London, W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.

Dated the 1st day of March 1991
HARRY GRANT
Director

**CORNEYHURST LIMITED**
**REGISTERED NO. 2387708**
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 46(1)(a) of the Insolvency Act, 1986 that Panos Eliades of Panos Eliades & Co., 6 Bloomsbury Square, London, WC1A 2LP., was appointed Administrative Receiver of the above-named Company on 28th February, 1991 by The Cyprus Popular Bank Limited under the powers contained in a Debenture dated 1st February, 1990 whereby a fixed and floating charge was created over the whole of the assets of the Company.

P. ELIADES
ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVER
28TH FEBRUARY, 1991.

**FIGURETREX LIMITED**
**THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986**
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Poppleton & Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester, M4 1QD, on Thursday 14th March 1991 at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.

Pursuant to Section 98, Subsection (2)(a) of the Act, Peter Lomas and Stephen James Wainwright of Poppleton & Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester, M4 1QD are appointed to act as the Qualified Insolvency Practitioners who will furnish creditors with such information as they may reasonably require.

DATED THIS 4TH DAY OF MARCH 1991
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
A.F. NEALE
DIRECTOR

**JULIUS LIMITED**
**REGISTERED NO. 2499319**
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 46(1)(a) of the Insolvency Act, 1986 that Panos Eliades of Panos Eliades & Co., 6 Bloomsbury Square, London, WC1A 2LP., was appointed Administrative Receiver of the above-named Company on 28th February, 1991 by The Cyprus Popular Bank Limited under the powers contained in a Debenture dated 7th February, 1991 whereby a fixed and floating charge was created over the whole of the assets of the Company.

P. ELIADES
ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVER
28TH FEBRUARY, 1991.

**THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986**
**Gordon Smith (Outfitters) Limited**
**(In Members' Voluntary Liquidation)**
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that we, R.W.J. Long and V.M. Bairstow of Robson Rhodes, 186 City Road, London EC1V 2NU were appointed Liquidators of the said Company on 29th January 1991 by the Members.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that the Creditors of the above named Company are required on or before the 22nd day of March 1991, to send their names and addresses, with particulars of their debts or claims to the undersigned, R W J Long and V M Bairstow of Robson Rhodes, 186 City Road, London EC1V 2NU, the Joint Liquidators of the Company; and if so required by notice in writing from the said Joint Liquidators either personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice and in default thereof, they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proven.

DATED this 19th day of February 1991
RWJ LONG & V M BAIRSTOW
JOINT LIQUIDATORS

**IN THE MATTER OF LE VIN NOBLE DE FRANCE LIMITED AND IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986**
In accordance with Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I, Keith David Goodman, FCA, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Messrs. Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London, W2 6LF, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the members and creditors on 27th February 1991.

DATED THIS 27TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1991
Keith David Goodman, FCA,
Liquidator
Leonard Curtis & Co.
Chartered Accountants
P.O. Box 553
30 Eastbourne Terrace
London W2 6LF

**M.M.B. MOTORS LIMITED**
**THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986**
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Poppleton & Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester, M4 1QD on Wednesday 13th March 1991 at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.

Pursuant to Section 98, Subsection (2)(a) of the Act, Denis Joseph Kilroy of Poppleton & Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester, M4 1QD is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner who will furnish creditors with such information as they may reasonably require.

A proxy form is enclosed, which if intended to be used must be completed and lodged with the company c/o Poppleton & Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester, M4 1QD not later than 12 o'clock noon on the business day before the day of the meeting.

DATED THIS 4TH DAY OF MARCH 1991
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
CHRIS REA
DIRECTOR

**MEMBERS VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION**
Notice to creditors to prove debts
**MOSSRULE**
(In members' voluntary liquidation)
Company number: 2002662
**NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS OF MOSSRULE**
On 1st March 1991 the company was placed in members' voluntary liquidation and Mr David Richard Hague of Price Waterhouse, 22nd Floor, Prince's Building, Hong Kong was appointed liquidator by the shareholders.

The Liquidator gives notice pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that the creditors of the company must send details, in writing, of any claim against the company to the liquidator, at the above address by 8th April 1991 which is the last day for proving claims. The Liquidator also gives notice that he will then make a final distribution to creditors and that a creditor who does not make a claim by the date mentioned will not be included in the distribution.

The company is able to pay all its known creditors in full.

Date 8th March 1991.
David Richard Hague
Liquidator

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF LIQUIDATOR**
**THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986**
**RULE 4.106(1)**
In the matter of
**READ MARINE (INTERNATIONAL) LIMITED**
High Court No. 6587 of 90
Notice is hereby given that Geoffrey C A Morphitis of 401 St John Street, London EC1V 4LH was appointed Liquidator of the above Company on 29 January 1991
G C A MORPHITIS
LIQUIDATOR

## LEGAL NOTICES

**JENNA LIMITED**
**REGISTERED NO. 1909388**
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 46(1)(a) of the Insolvency Act, 1986 that Panos Eliades of Panos Eliades & Co., 6 Bloomsbury Square, London, WC1A 2LP., was appointed Administrative Receiver of the above-named Company on 28th February, 1991 by The Cyprus Popular Bank Limited under the powers contained in a Debenture dated 7th February, 1991 whereby a fixed and floating charge was created over the whole of the assets of the Company.

P. ELIADES
ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVER
28TH FEBRUARY, 1991.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986**
**-and-**
**IN THE MATTER OF FELLERMAN GRAPHICS LIMITED**
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 18th March 1991 at 4, Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington, FIPA of 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98(2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require.

DATED this 1st day of March 1991
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
M. FELLERMAN
DIRECTOR

**IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986**
**-and-**
**IN THE MATTER OF MOVENOTE LIMITED**
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held at 4, Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN on 19th March 1991 at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington, FIPA of 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98(2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may reasonably require.

DATED this 22nd day of February 1991
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
L. MENDY
DIRECTOR

**HANSON DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED**
REGISTERED IN ENGLAND, NO 1795294. TRADING OR OTHER NAMES J. H. TAYLOR. JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERS: TERENCE JOHN ROPER FIPA and JAMIE TAYLOR FIPA of 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN. DATE OF APPOINTMENT: 21ST FEBRUARY 1991. BY WHOM APPOINTED: MICHAEL R CLAYTON. DATE OF MORTGAGE DEBENTURE: 17TH OCTOBER 1989. ASSETS SECURED: THE WHOLE OF THE ASSETS OF THE COMPANY
DATED THE 21st day of February 1991.
T.J. Roper and J Taylor
Joint Administrative Receivers.

## LEGAL NOTICES

**IN THE MATTER OF THE GLASSMASTER COMPANY LIMITED AND IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986**
In accordance with Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I, Keith David Goodman, FCA a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Messrs Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace., London, W2 6LF, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the members and creditors on 1st March 1991

DATED THIS 1ST DAY OF MARCH, 1991
Keith David Goodman, FCA,
Liquidator
Leonard Curtis & Co.,
Chartered Accountants
P O Box 553
30 Eastbourne Terrace
London W2 6LF

**IN THE MATTER OF TRI-OX LIMITED AND IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986**
In accordance with Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I, Peter Scholey Dunn FCA, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Latham Crossley & Davis, 46 Conduit Street, London, W1Y 3HG, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the members and creditors on 27 February 1991.

DATED THIS 27 February 1991
PS DUNN FCA
LIQUIDATOR
LATHAM CROSSLEY & DAVIS
46 CONDUIT STREET
LONDON W1R 9FB

**J B DISTRIBUTION LIMITED**
In the Matter of
The Insolvency Act 1986
NOTICE is hereby given that on 1 March 1991 Phillip G Porter FCA of Cork Gully, 1 Port Way, Port Solent, Portsmouth, PO6 4TY, was appointed liquidator of the above named Company.

All persons having in their possession any of the effects of the Company must deliver them to the liquidator and all debts due to the Company must be paid to him.

Creditors who have not yet sent in their claims are required on or before the 12th day of April 1991 to send to the liquidator their names and addresses and particulars of their claims, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made

DATED this 1st day of March 1991
P G Porter
Liquidator

**THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986**
**KINDMARTS LIMITED**
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named company is to be held at 76 New Cavendish Street, London W1M 7LB on 21 March 1991 at 11 30 a.m for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.

A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at 76 New Cavendish Street, London W1M 7LB between 10 00 a.m and 4 00 p.m. as from 19 March 1991

Proxies to be used at the meeting must be lodged at the registered office of the company situated at 76 New Cavendish Street, London W1M 7LB not later than 12 noon on 20 March 1991.

Dated: 22 February 1991
M WALKER
Director

## LEGAL NOTICES

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEE**
**THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986**
**RULE 6.124(1)**
In the matter of
**ROBERT DEAN MARKHAM**
High Court No. 6016 of 1990
Notice is hereby given that Geoffrey C A Morphitis of 401 St John Street, London EC1V 4LH was appointed Trustee of the above named on 31 January 1991
G C A MORPHITIS
TRUSTEE

**PETER MARTIN LIMITED**
**REGISTERED NO 2499287**
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 46(1)(a) of the Insolvency Act, 1986 that Panos Eliades of Panos Eliades & Co., 6 Bloomsbury Square, London, WC1A 2LP., was appointed Administrative Receiver of the above-named Company on 28th February, 1991 by The Cyprus Popular Bank Limited under the powers contained in a Debenture dated 7th February, 1991 whereby a fixed and floating charge was created over the whole of the assets of the Company

P ELIADES
ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVER
28TH FEBRUARY, 1991

**IN THE MATTER OF THE GLASSMASTER COMPANY LIMITED AND IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986**
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Creditors of the above-named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 12th day of April 1991, to send in their full forenames and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned KEITH DAVID GOODMAN FCA Leonard Curtis & Co, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London, W2 6LF the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated this 1st day of March 1991
K.D. GOODMAN
Liquidator

**IN THE MATTER OF TRI-OX LIMITED AND IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT, 1986**
Notice is hereby given that the creditors of the above named Company which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before 3rd April 1991 to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned P S Dunn FCA of Latham Crossley and Davis, 46 Conduit Street London, W1R 9FB the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by Notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated 27 February 1991
P S Dunn
Liquidator

## LEGAL NOTICES

LONDON ELECTRICITY

**LONDON ELECTRICITY PLC**

Take notice that London Electricity plc has applied for a Private Electricity Supply Licence under Section 6 of the Electricity Act 1989 and in accordance with Statutory Instrument 1990/192 in the following terms.

1. Full name of the applicant:

*London Electricity plc*

2 Address of the applicant or, in the case of a body corporate, the registered or principal office:

*Templar House, 81-87 High Holborn, London WC1V 6NU*

3. Where the applicant is a company, the full names of the current Directors and the company's registered number:

*Executive Directors: John James Wilson, Roger John Urwin, Andrew Charles Curry, Clive Leon Myers, Alan Victor Towers*

*Non-executive Directors: Gordon Michael William Owen, Christopher Anthony Prendergast, Leslie William Priestley, Helen Gillian Robinson*

*Company's registered number: 2366852*

4. Where a holding of 20 per cent or more of the shares of an applicant is held by a body corporate or partnership or an unincorporated association carrying on a trade or business with or without a view to profit, the names and addresses of the holders of such shares shall be provided.

*Not applicable*

5 Desired date from which the licence is to take effect:

*31 March 1991*

6. A sufficient description adequately specifying the nature and situation of the premises intended to be supplied, separately identifying premises within the power bands specified in and to the extent provided by Paragraph 7 below:

*All non-domestic premises with a demand above the Franchise Limit (as defined in Condition 2 of the Private Electricity Supply Licence) within the following PES areas.*

*Eastern Electricity plc*
*East Midlands Electricity plc*
*MANWEB plc*
*Midlands Electricity plc*
*Northern Electric plc*
*NORWEB plc*
*SEEBOARD plc*
*Southern Electric plc*
*South Wales Electricity plc*
*South Western Electricity plc*
*Yorkshire Electricity Group plc*

7 (a) Subject to sub-paragraph (b), indicate the total number of premises intended to be supplied in each power band as shown in the table below, together with the aggregate energy forecast to be supplied and the aggregate estimated maximum demand for each power band.

(b) If the date in Paragraph 5 above is on or after 1 April 1994 then only Power Band A shall be completed and if the said date is on or after 1 April 1998 then this paragraph will cease to have effect.

| *Power Band* | *Number of premises* | *Agregate maximum demand* | *Energy (Gwh) to be supplied* |
|---|---|---|---|
| A. Not exceeding 0 1 MW | None | None | None |
| 8 Exceeding 0 1 MW but not exceeding 1 0 MW | None | None | None |

8 A description of the system of electric lines and electrical plant by means of which London Electricity intends to supply electricity, indicating which plant and lines are to be constructed and which are existing plant and lines, and further identifying any parts of that system which will not be owned by or otherwise in the possession or control of London Electricity:

*Lines and plant owned by:*
*National Grid Company plc*
*Eastern Electricity plc*
*East Midlands Electricity plc*
*London Electricity plc*
*MANWEB plc*
*Midlands Electricity plc*
*Northern Electric plc*
*NORWEB plc*
*SEEBOARD plc*
*Southern Electric plc*
*South Wales Electricity plc*
*South Western Electricity plc*
*Yorkshire Electricity Group plc*
*or by any other authorised electricity operator now or in the future*

9 A statement of the extent (if any) to which London Electricity plc considers it necessary for powers under Schedule 3 (compulsory acquisition of land etc) and under Schedule 4 (other powers etc) to the Electricity act 1989 to be given through the licence for which it is applying

*As laid down in the Public Electricity Supply Licence granted to London Electricity plc by the Secretary of State for Energy on 26 March 1990*

10 Details of any licences held, applied for, or being applied for by London Electricity plc in respect of the generation, transmission, or supply of electricity

*Public Electricity Supply Licence*

Copies of maps relevant to this application have been lodged in accordance with Regulation 6 of the Electricity (Applications for Licences and Extensions of Licences) Regulations 1990 at Regional Offices of the Office of Electricity Regulation. Such copies are available for inspection by the public between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on any working day.

*Malcolm Saunders, Company Secretary, London Electricity plc*
*Templar House, 81-87 High Holborn, London WC1V 6NU*

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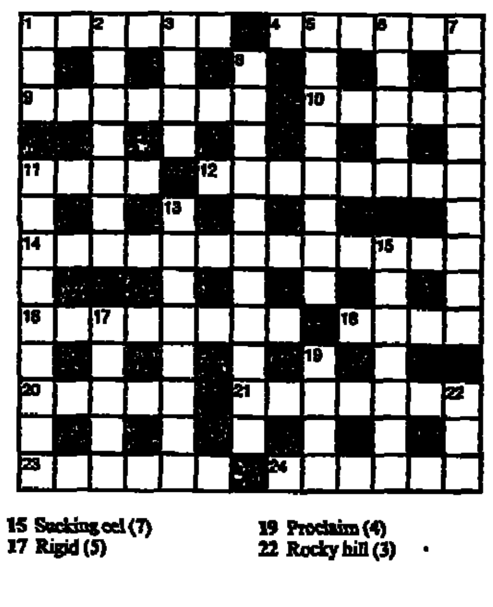

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10 Bravery (5)
11 Submerge (4)
12 Stay of execution (8)
14 Zambezi waterfall (8,5)
16 Salutations (8)
18 December 25 (4)
20 Clamour (5)
21 Young hare (7)
23 Weak, decadent (6)
24 Supplication (6)

DOWN
1 Christmas tree (3)
2 White poison (7)
3 Firm (4)
5 Scalp scales (8)
6 Ballet rail (5)
7 Mid morning snack (9)
8 At once (11)
11 Cutting off (9)
13 Articulate (8)
15 Sucking eel (7)
17 Rigid (5)
19 Proclaim (4)
22 Rocky hill (3)

SOLUTION TO NO 2426

ACROSS: 1 Finite 6 Weekend 8 Cecilia 9 Irksome 10 Lolly 11 Hail 12 Itch 15 Torn 17 Ugly 19 Nubia 20 Minorca 22 Leeward 23 Refusal 24 Cranny

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**Philip Howard**

# Mais oui beg to differ?

French and English form a mutual misunderstanding society, especially when it comes to pronunciation. The English, remembering their franglais A-levels, like jokes that pretend that *pas de deux* means a father of twins, *esprit de corps* means embalming fluid, *fin de siècle* means the tail light of a bicycle, and *coup de grâce* means a lawnmower, and *les crudités* mean the genitals. For their part, the French have their Académie française trying to keep the well of French undefiled by horrid Anglicisms, and if they do take on board some English words, they pronounce them in a defiantly French way. Down the centuries there have been numerous misguided proposals to found an English academy to protect the purity of the English language. Mercifully they have all failed. They misunderstand how language works, and what it is for.

The Gulf war has thrown up some strange variations and mispronunciations. Take the Exocet, the French-made tactical missile, named after *exocet*, the French for a flying fish, *Exocoetus volitans*. In spite of its pure French pedigree, the French pronounce the nasty thing in an English and American way, sounding the final t. My correspondent, André Labatut, professeur d'anglais au Lycée de Bergerac (Cyrano country) en Maine de Biran, plays a game asking his pupils and fellow-countrymen to pronounce *valet, cadet, mulet*, and then *Exocet*, and then asking why the final t?

On the other hand, contrariwise and *au contraire*, strenuous efforts are made in France to give the Scud missile a Frenchified pronunciation. Radio, television and the man in the street pronounce Scud to rhyme with queued.

I blame the Normans. French and English are two great languages, more closely related than we care to admit. About three-quarters of the vocabulary of English comes ultimately from Latin, usually transmitted to us through French.

Anglo-Saxon was a primitive language beside French across the Channel. It had words for walking, running, and swimming, but none for generally moving. It had words for different colours, but none for colour itself. The Normans, when they conquered us, brought with them not only most of our words for government, law, the church and administration, but also most of our general and abstract words. The English, feeling that there was something Vichy about the French, pronounced these new French words in a thoroughly English way, just to prove that we were still masters of our language.

*Anglo-Saxon was primitive beside French*

One of the minefields between French and English pronunciation is the -ile ending, coming ultimately from the large group of third declension Latin adjectives ending in -ilis. We have been hearing the latest eruption of this pronunciation pox in the American way of saying missile to rhyme with missal or thistle. The British generally pronounce it to rhyme with this isle. The pattern seems to be that when an -ile word first comes into English from French, we pronounce it in a Frenchified way, as though its last syllable rhymed with eel. As recently as the Twenties, Fowler was laying down the law that the only correct way to pronounce profile in English was profeel.

*Oui, cela était autrefois ainsi, mais nous avons changé tout cela.* Once a word has been in English for long enough to become naturalised, we tend to give it a robust English sound. Today profeel sounds weedy and pretentious. But why do we still say automobeel? And since we do, why not mobeel?

In its pronunciation, society likes to wrong-foot outsiders or lesser mortals to show them up for being not with it or non-U. This happens on both sides of the Channel. As Fowler observed, in suburban keeping-up-with-the-Joneses behind their ruched curtains mode, the ambition to do better than one's neighbours is in many departments of life a virtue; in pronunciation it is a vice; there the only right ambition is to do as our neighbours do. The trick is to work out who our neighbours are. Are they the French?

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Once upon a time there were two little-known authors. The education department changed that, **Christena Appleyard** says

ALAN WELLER

Catapulted into the big league of approved reading: Allan and Janet Ahlberg say that "children's books may not be a major art form, but they are not trivial or insignificant"

# Sexist, size-ist and sold out

Writing children's books, like endorsing perfume, has become a celebrity hobby. Even the royal family is not immune to temptation.

But the business has its own royalty, worshipped by millions of children and parents who are grateful to see their offspring immersed, for once, in a book. Most of the best-selling children's authors are as anonymous as any brand name that guarantees a certain quality of product. But there are two big exceptions: the late Roald Dahl and, suddenly, Allan and Janet Ahlberg.

The Ahlbergs were propelled into official respectability when seven books bearing their name were included in the 51 on the government's recommended reading list for national curriculum tests. The author-artist couple were at once heroes of the fight against parental anxiety. The Ahlbergs are both qualified teachers, although Allan, now aged 52, gave up after 12 years and Janet, aged 48, never really started, opting instead for a career as an illustrator.

In the short time since the list was published, books such as *Mrs Wobble the Waitress*, and *Mr Biff the Boxer* have walked out of bookshops, some selling as many in a fortnight as they previously had in a year.

The new reading tests associated with the national curriculum begin after the Easter holidays, and doubtless the results will be heralded by another debate about teaching methods and falling standards. But, in all the fuss over reading standards, children's authors still suffer from the widespread belief that "anyone can do it".

"Children's books may not be a major art form, but they are not trivial or insignificant," Mr Ahlberg says. "People at parties still ask me if I will one day graduate to writing grown-up books."

Between them, the Ahlbergs have produced more than 100 books in the past 16 years. They have produced a vast range, from poetry to picture books. She illustrates many of them and he is responsible for the words. He also does most of the talking in interviews.

They are not the sentimental types you might imagine, living in the Leicestershire countryside with their 11-year-old daughter and writing children's books for a living. They are, in fact, a rather edgy, precise pair with a rare commitment to their task.

The crude route to the source of their inspiration is, naturally, their own childhood. Mr Ahlberg says, rather quickly, that he came from a home with few books, a poor, working-class background where books were simply "not a habit. I had a book a year as a Sunday school prize. Instead I read a lot of comics. The small number of books I had I used to read incessantly."

His wife's early literary experiences were more conventional — Enid Blyton, Rupert Bear and A.A. Milne. Yet, curiously, it is Mr Ahlberg who remains addicted to reading and Mrs Ahlberg who apologises for not finding the time to "force it" into her schedule. Their adult reading tastes, however, are similar: Anne Tyler, Raymond Carver and rereading the classics.

One of the obvious traumas of Mr Ahlberg's childhood was the accidental discovery, when he was aged 11, that he was adopted. "Sadly, my parents made the mistake of not telling me, and I found out from other children, which is not the best way."

The couple work in separate rooms. Mr Ahlberg's words come first. The illustrations come later and take much longer. The books are comic and naughty. They are also refreshingly free from the standards of the po-faced ideologues who pontificate on children's books. They might well find *Mrs Wobble*, the tale of the traumas of being a fat, middle-aged, clumsy waitress, sexist and size-ist.

As for the official listing, the couple, while admitting the commercial advantage of being so heavily endorsed, remain sceptical of the system.

"Actually, if they've got any sense they won't bring a list out again," Mrs Ahlberg says.

The first books the Ahlbergs produced were parodies of the old Janet and John reading books, designed to help older children with reading difficulties who did not want to be seen to be reading "baby" books: "Here is Sam. Here is Fred. Here is the ball. Fred kicks the ball. Sam kicks the ball. Fred kicks Sam. Here is the referee."

Their views on the current obsession with children's ability to read rely on fairly familiar territory. "All the quarrels about whether children can read and the influence of television are not trivial," Mr Ahlberg says. "But behind that is the major failing that we do not value education, do not pay teachers enough and it's impossible to teach children to read in large numbers."

Comic, naughty approach: the Ahlbergs' Mrs Wobble

He also believes that the danger of television is that there is a lot of good stuff on, and so there is a legitimate temptation to form a habit. His advice is to place the television in the most uncomfortable, coldest room in the house, so that watching is an effort.

This appears to have paid dividends with their only daughter, Jessica. Talking about her is the one occasion on which they display any hint of sentimentality. She is, of course, a model reader. She has a book propped up at the breakfast table every morning and can get through two novels a week. Her favourite author is Diana Wynne-Jones.

At the time of Jessica's birth their friends made the joke that they were producing a piece of market research. And, sure enough, her babyhood habit of putting papers in and out of envelopes inspired the Ahlbergs' biggest bestseller so far, *The Jolly Postman*, which has sold a million and a quarter copies. The sequel, published by Heinemann, is out later this year.

Which only leaves what the Ahlbergs were discussing before the interview started: the recent revelation in Sir Kingsley Amis's memoirs that Roald Dahl advised Sir Kingsley to write children's books because "the little bastards will swallow anything".

Mr Ahlberg is sceptical about the veracity of the quotation, but casts an interesting light on what he calls the "sometimes twee world of children's books".

"When we were doing our 'Happy Families' series, *Mrs Wobble the Waitress, Miss Jump the Jockey*, we had some pretty nice jokes between ourselves — like Mr Pig the Policeman. But that doesn't mean we take a certain view of children or that we don't value what we do. The children's book world can become a bit yukky. People need to have, shall we say, these sorts of macho conversations to ease up on the tweeness."

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# The lady's not for spurning

When Barbara Walters goes in for the kill, even the toughest interview subject can crack

THE big question in Washington this week was: would Barbara Walters make Margaret Thatcher cry?

Drawing tears from the famous on air is a speciality of Ms Walters, aged 59. She did it to the actor Patrick Swayze, when she asked about his father, and to Jean Harris, by enquiring if the former headmistress really loved Herman Tarnower, the inventor of the Scarsdale diet, of whose murder she was convicted ten years ago. But as American viewers of tonight's hour-long *20/20* programme will discover, Mrs Thatcher is, of course, made of tougher stuff.

There were apparently no tears shed during Ms Walters's interview with Mrs Thatcher, except possibly by Ms Walters's fuming rivals. They are still wondering how she ensnared the former prime minister for her first formal interview since leaving office. As the ABC television network tells it, the diminutive blonde with the nasal New York twang saw Mrs Thatcher last summer, in Aspen, Colorado. At the time, few people thought Mrs Thatcher would be out of power within four months, but Ms Walters asked if she could be the first when the time finally came, and Mrs Thatcher accepted. The interview, recorded yesterday, was Ms Walters's third with Mrs Thatcher.

Annoying competitors is Ms Walters's forte. She was the first broadcast journalist in the United States to receive a million-dollar annual salary. Her "specials" with celebrities routinely win the personality interview ratings war for her network, even though a debate continues within the media industry over whether her work is entertainment or journalism. With characteristic and frequently lampooned on-air intimacy, Ms Walters once asked Barbra Streisand and Jon Peters, her then companion, "Why don't you two get married?" In 1988, she shocked viewers by mediating in the feud between the soon-to-be-divorced boxer Mike Tyson and actress Robin Givens. She was ridiculed for asking Katharine Hepburn what kind of tree she would like to be.

Barbara Walters: media power

Though many dismiss Ms Walters's conversations with stars as fluff, the list of her political subjects over the years testifies to a remarkable clout: every US president since Richard Nixon, Fidel Castro, the president of Cuba, and, more recently, the leaders of Czechoslovakia, Poland, Jordan and China — and Saddam Hussein.

Ms Walters is a national celebrity, although she denies she has ever been starstruck, since she grew up around famous people and saw their problems. Lou Walters, her father, founded the Latin Quarter, a New York nightclub. He moved his wife and two daughters often, swinging between commercial success and poverty, installing them in a series of penthouses and buying Barbara a mink coat when she was 11 years old. Despite a popular stereotype as a spoilt Jewish-American princess, she emerged as a fiercely independent and driven young woman, determined to make her way in television, and attracted to power. Tina Brown, the editor of *Vanity Fair* magazine, once described Ms Walters's programme as having replaced "the cover of *Time* magazine as the ultimate accolade of superstardom".

HER progress within a once male-dominated medium includes her appointment in 1976 as the first woman to co-host a network news programme. Since then, her streaked blonde hair, tweed skirts, pearls and slight lisp have become symbols of one of the most powerful people in American television. She shares the same book agent as Nancy Reagan and Jackie Collins. An unauthorised biography last year upset her by suggesting she consistently put career before family. She is married to businessman Merv Adelson, and has a daughter from a previous marriage.

Accused of being too soft in interviews, Ms Walters can be tough when she chooses. In her first interview with Eddie Murphy, the black comedian, he switched topics and accused her of not knowing where she was going. "I know where we're going," she retorted. "We just finished the interview."

SUSAN ELLICOTT

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BRIEFING

## Pie-eyed in Sussex

AMERICAN singer/songwriter Don McLean is writing a new musical for Chichester, weaving many of his hits — including "American Pie" and "Vincent" — into the story of a rock star and his lost love. The musical, called *Till Tomorrow*, from a Julian Barry story, will be directed by Michael Rudman and will open on May 20. The Chichester Festival Theatre's 30th season opens on April 29 with the classic comedy, *Arsenic and Old Lace*, directed by Annie Castledine and starring Peter Davison.

Don McLean: musical

## Hair cuts

FINANCIAL problems have forced the London Sinfonietta to cancel two large-scale projects in its current season. Out go the concert performances of Debussy's *Pelléas et Mélisande*, which was to have been conducted by Simon Rattle on April 10 at Birmingham Town Hall and April 12 at the Queen Elizabeth Hall. Also cancelled is Britten's *Gloriana*, which David Atherton was scheduled to conduct at the Festival Hall on May 18.

## *Last chance...*

THOUGH the former Basie trumpeter Harry Edison may have joined the ranks of Americans who have refused to fly to London, the good news is that his residency at Pizza on the Park (071-235 5273) has been taken over by Claire Martin. A singer of huge promise, Martin combines a vivacious delivery with a refreshingly eclectic taste in material. Her two-week season finishes tomorrow night.

GALLERIES

# Pre-figures of the revolution to come

**John Russell Taylor** on Russian fine and applied arts from the turn of the century

At least The Twilight of the Tsars at the Hayward Gallery makes it easier to understand the rigours of what followed: Russian Constructivism. With this riot of kitsch, lurid colour, lumpy, over-ornate form, wonky draughtsmanship and blurry symbolism before him, what could any self-respecting artist do in reaction but seek the solace of square, circle and straight line, preferably in black and white with, if really necessary, a touch of red?

The foregoing is not an altogether unfair characterisation of much in the show, which is drawn entirely from Russian collections. But it approaches the central question from the wrong end. The turn of the century in Russia was, in the arts, a time of revolutionary ferment. Revolutionaries, by definition, break some accepted canons of good taste. And many artists working in Russia (particularly Moscow) in the 1890s and 1900s did exactly that with the greatest iconoclastic glee.

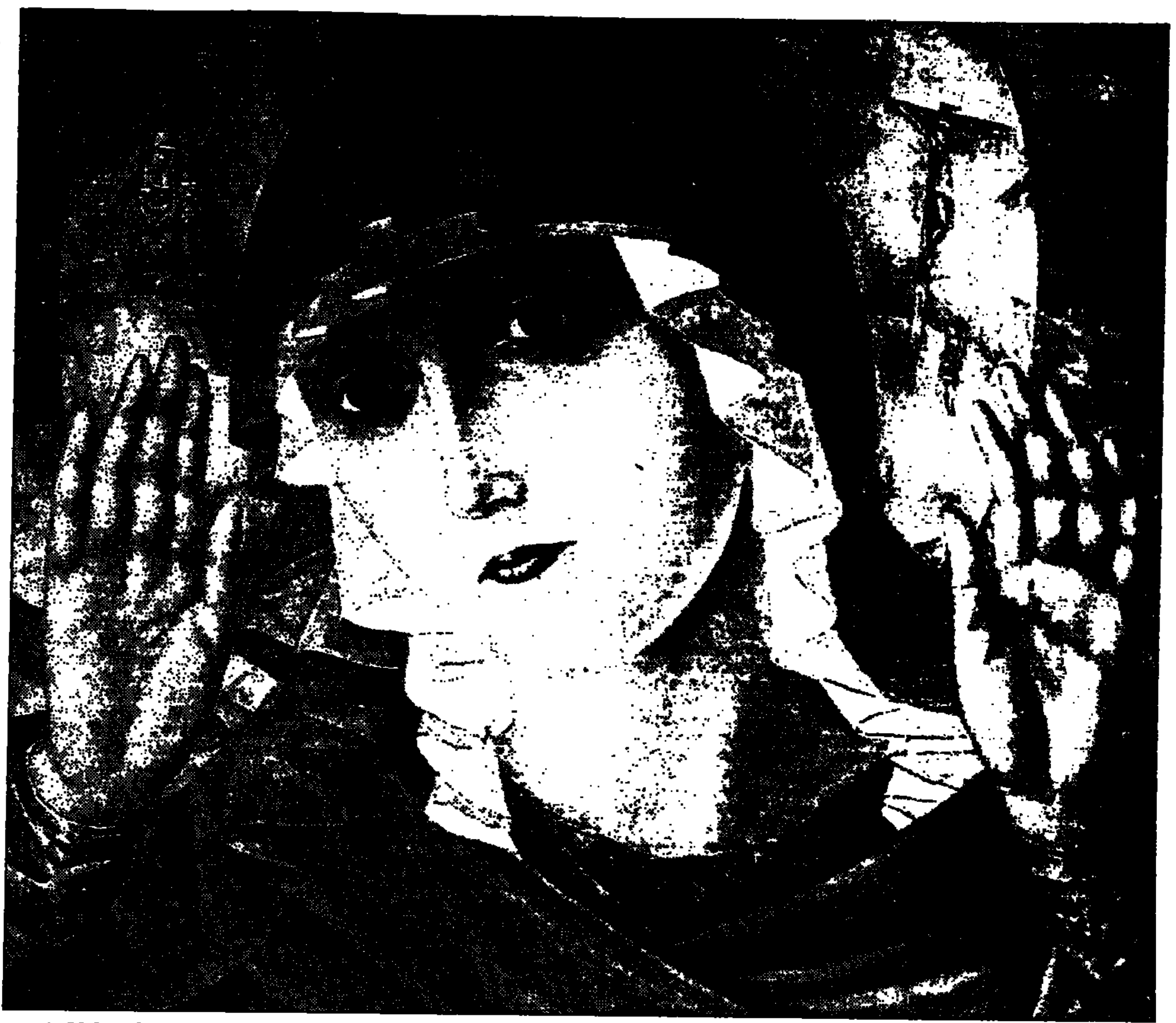
Some of the art on show is, of course, the product of ill-considered compromise. The "Russian Style" furniture that so took the fancy of the West when it was shown at the 1900 Paris Exposition Universelle and the 1901 Glasgow International Exhibition often betrays its origins in the coarse woodwork then being thrown out by Russia's more sophisticated peasants, and the broken-down Biedermeier style that still persisted in bourgeois Russia. And some of the painting and illustration is sufficiently in the grain of international Symbolism to feature the sort of boneless-wonder figure drawing that occurred all over Europe, from artists fatally undecided about how far their idealisation of the real *should* go.

A few of the objects on show are downright hideous: the painted Easter eggs, for instance, do not even have the dubious advantage of the Fabergé variety, which clothe their trumpery in materials of the utmost splendour. But the grosser nastinesses simply serve to underline the taste and invention of the artists who effortlessly rose above them. Enough had the sense to look beyond the sentimentalised icons so beloved of the venerated peasantry, and take inspiration instead from the bold colours of peasant textiles, the strong sense of abstract design still evident in the tools they normally used.

Hence the "First Russian Ballet Period" in the decorative arts, which so dazzled the West when Diaghilev arrived in Paris with his Ballets Russes in 1909. His favourite artists — Bakst, Benois, Rotrich, and slightly later Goncharova and Larionov — were in any case major figures in their own right. How important does not emerge as clearly as it should from the present show. That is, no doubt, partly because it is drawn exclusively from Russian collections, when many of these artists' most striking works have remained in the West.

However, the room provided for the Mir Iskusstva (World of Art) movement, in which Diaghilev played a vital role, does show enough to indicate that something extraordinary was going on. The message is reinforced upstairs, in the brilliant book illustrations and independent graphics the movement produced. Even here the balance is odd: it is not always the better-known figures such as Bilibin which shine. But the amazing skill of the much less famous Georgy Ivanovich Narbut is dazzlingly revealed.

There are some discoveries, too, among the paintings. Two fine examples are included of the visionary landscapes of Konstantin Bogaevsky, who has hardly ever been shown outside Russia. An astonishing, dark-toned Benois of "Breton Dances" would be hard to identify as Benois or even Russian without a label. Spirited Post-Impressionist portraits by Malyavin are all swirls of confidently applied paint. And there are a couple of early Symbolist paintings by Petrov-Vodkin, later to survive as one of the great painters of Soviet Russia. One, "The Virgin of Tenderness Moving Evil Hearts", proves, despite its title, a shining exception to the rule that the influence of religion, and the icon in particular, was usually disastrous to Russians of that period.



A shining exception to the rule that the influence of the icon was disastrous: Petrov-Vodkin's "Virgin of Tenderness Moving Evil Hearts"

The paintings are the heart of this show, but they are balanced with much material about Russian architecture and decorative arts around 1900. The architecture inevitably suffers from the necessity of representing the real thing by photographs and blueprints. Often it is the unbuilt projects that come off best, since they survive only in optimistic projections. Was Vladimir Pokrovsky's crazed design for a Russian-baronial bank in Nizhny Novgorod (transactions conducted over a stone communion-rail) ever built? Presumably not, but not for lack of imaginative advocacy in the drawings.

Certainly Shekhtel's legendary idea of the Yaroslavl Station (manned, it seems, by goblins) was built — and survives, though altered, in Moscow today. As does the Hotel Metropol, designed by a mysterious being called "Val'kot". He is, of course, our own William Walcott, virtuoso of the architectural etching.

The architectural section demonstrates how much Russian artists were able to cross-refer to what was going on elsewhere in the world. *The Studio* magazine was the bible of design from Barcelona to Moscow well before the end of the 1890s, and Russians were exhibited in many of the great international expositions. They knew what was going on in Glasgow and Vienna, so if the shadow of Klimt or Burne-Jones seems to pass momentarily across the page, that is no illusion. Many of the buildings and projects for Moscow would not look out of place in Brussels or Darmstadt: here is the same Art Nouveau mish-mash; clunky historicism rubbing shoulders with sinuously reinterpreted natural forms; Gothic and Moorish details buried in floral profusion.

Above all, it is not necessary to make excuses for Russian art of this period. Even at its worst, there is no doubting the vitality which informs it. Going to this show is like being flung into a maelstrom of conflicting ideals and jarring styles: not comfortable, but exciting.

**The Twilight of the Tsars: Russian Art at the Turn of the Century.** Hayward Gallery, South Bank, SE1 (071-261 0127) daily 10-6 (Tues and Wed 10-8), until May 10. Admission £4 (£2.50 concs and all on Mondays).

## CRITIC'S CHOICE

**AWASH.** Adrian Daintrey, who died in 1988, produced a spirited autobiography and many bright and breezy ink drawings of overlooked architectural oddities. His washes of colour are masterly.
**Adrian Daintrey.** Sally Hunter Fine Art, 11 Halkin Arcade, Motcomb Street, SW1 (071-235 0934) Mon-Fri 10-6, until March 28.

**INNER SPACE.** Painters of the Aesthetic persuasion were very fond of showing the world how they lived, how their friends lived, and how they thought everybody ought to live. Lots of blue-and-white china and peacock feathers. Highly evocative.
**The Artistic Interior.** Christopher Wood Gallery, 15 Motcomb Street, SW1 (071-235 9141) Mon-Fri 9.30-5.30, until March 28.

**POP INTO PRINT.** The Pop Art movement was particularly at home with various forms of graphic art, particularly the screen-print with more or less photographic input, where a lot of their inspiration came from. Here are more than 100 prints from Britain and America, charting the movement over 30 years.
**Pop Prints.** Tate Gallery, Millbank, SW1 (071-821 1313) Mon-Sat 10-6, Sun 2-6, until June 23.

**ON THE HEIGHTS.** Ruskin was fascinated, as a man and as an artist, by the Alps. He drew them almost obsessively. This show is on loan from the Ruskin Collection.
**John Ruskin and the Alps.** Fine Art Society, 148 New Bond Street, W1 (071-629 5116) Mon-Fri 9.30-6.30, Sat 10-1, until April 5.

RECORDS: ROCK AND JAZZ

# Musical literacy makes sound sense

**Jellyfish: Bellybutton**
(Charisma CDCUS 3)
**808 State: excel**
(ZTT 9031-73775-2)
**Morrissey: 'Kill Uncle'**
(His Master's Voice CSD 3789)

LITTLE is known about Jellyfish. They come from San Francisco, there are four of them, favouring an outlandish, hippie-remnant-shop dress code. Yet far from being the kind of deranged waffle which appearances might suggest, their *Bellybutton* debut is a lithe concoction in a musically literate pop tradition that stretches via Squeeze all the way back to the Beatles. As such it belongs in the retro-psychedelic vein of recent albums by Tears For Fears, XTC and Lenny Kravitz.

There *is* a crisp melodic snap to numbers such as "She Still Loves Him" and "That is Why", while the single "The King is Half Undressed" proceeds with an urgent impetus that suggests a band able and impatient to make its mark.

While Jellyfish adheres to a strictly conventional notion of harmony singing and rock group instrumentation, Manchester's 808 State represents the dance-trance arm of latterday psychedelia. The group's fourth album, *excel* already has two Top 10 hits to its credit — "In Yer Face" and "Cübik" — and is as modern as it is possible to imagine.

Multiple layers of clanky, machine-generated percussion are garlanded with buzzy keyboard lines, or startling shrieks and whooshing. Occasional singing is provided by New Order's Bernard Sumner ("Spanish Heart") and Bjork Gudmundsdottir of the Sugarcubes, whose eccentric wailing pops up on "Qmart" and "Ooops". Such human touches are, however, purely incidental to the otherwise computer-generated thrust of the Daleks' tea-party soundtracks.

Morrissey: capable of more than neurotic whimsy

This kind of boffin-created dance music often provokes complaints of the can't-write-songs-like-they-used-to variety, but 808 State demonstrate tremendous musical skill in manipulating their rhythms and themes to the exact point where they mesmerise without being boring. The grand design of "Nephatiti", where banks of drum machines engage in chattering dialogue with swarms of blipping synths, has not come about by accident. On the contrary, the dynamic flair with which they harness the awesome potential of all this good technology is an example of modern music-making at its most inspiring.

There has been a critical backlash against Morrissey. But, while I yield to nobody in my delight at the crumbling away of this tin god's inflated status, it has to be said that there is more to *'Kill Uncle'* than meets the eye.

It has taken him three years to produce a mere 33 minutes of music, much of it conforming to the familiar pattern of neurotic whimsy with a flatulent title: "(I'm) The End of the Family Line", "There's a Place in Hell for Me and My Friends" and so forth.

But he taps a deeper vein with "Asian Rut" and "The Harsh Truth of the Camera Eye", songs with a dark, dramatic flourish worthy even of Marc Almond at his best. "Found Found Found", with its pugnacious bass line, is another rare blast. For a moment, it seems as if all the agonising might have been worth it.

DAVID SINCLAIR

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**Betty Carter: Droppin' Things**
(Verve 843 991)
**Sarah Vaughan: Sarah Vaughan With Clifford Brown**
(Emarcy 814 641)
**Dinah Washington:**
**Dinah Jams** (Emarcy 814 639)

IDEALLY, Betty Carter needs to be seen in the flesh. Her voice, remarkable though it is, makes up only one part of her persona: the grimaces, the fluttering of the hands, the signals passed on to her musicians, all play a role.

Allowing for that, *Droppin' Things* is still a considerable achievement. It was mostly recorded live at the Bottom Line in Greenwich Village.

Even if Carter's off-centre vocal style does not appeal, there is always something to savour in her choice of trios. The group heard here is pianist Marc Cary, bassist Tarus Mateen and drummer Gregory Hutchinson. Modern bop rarely comes as polished and exuberant as this, with brisk arrangements which allow little space for self-indulgence. The firepower is enhanced with Freddie Hubbard and saxophonist Craig Handy on the last four tracks.

Carter contributes half the tunes on the album. Their strength lies not so much in the lyrics as in the delivery. The mid-tempo pieces work best, giving her the opportunity to bounce her voice off the rhythm section.

Dating from 1954, the reissued albums by Sarah Vaughan and Dinah Washington show both ladies in good voice, but the settings fail to do them justice. Vaughan and Clifford Brown are hemmed in by banal head arrangements for a septet. Washington encounters similar problems, despite the presence of Brown, Clark Terry and Max Roach. In the calm of "Summertime", Maynard Ferguson's tedious display of high notes is as welcome as a brick through a window.

CLIVE DAVIS

THE TWILIGHT OF THE TSARS
THE SOUTH BANK CENTRE
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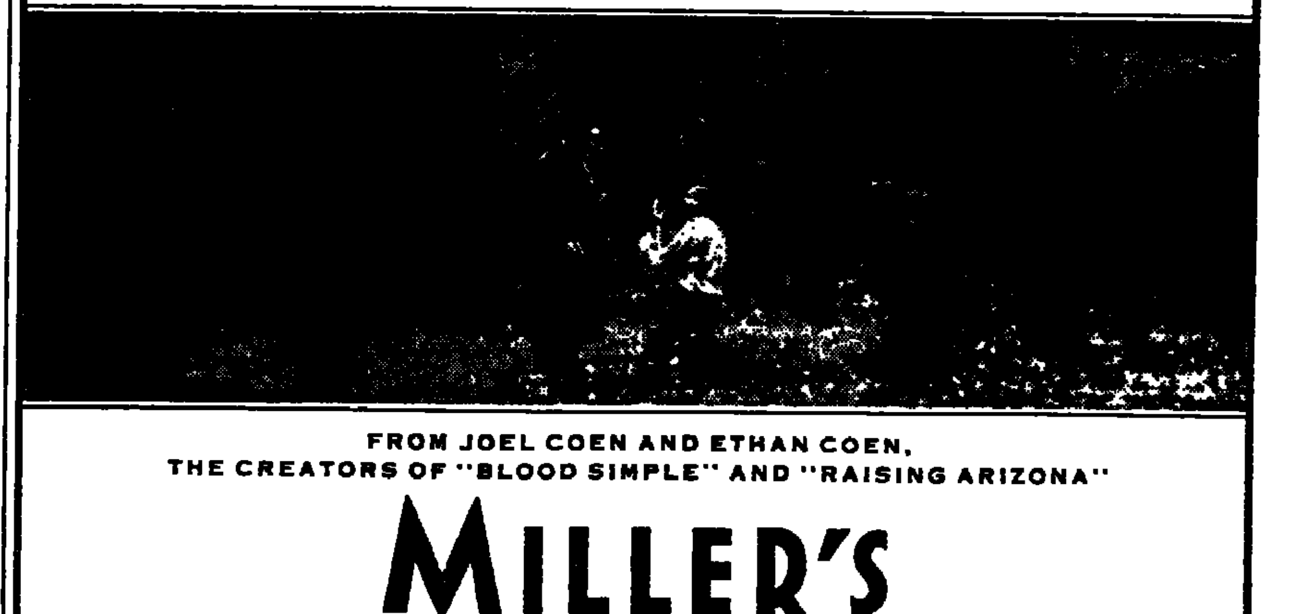

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# A rare challenge overcome

DONALD COOPER

Sullen philosopher listens to obsessive philanthropist: Barry Foster and David Suchet

THEATRE

## Timon of Athens
## Young Vic

ON WEDNESDAY night Trevor Nunn faced, and largely overcame, a formidable challenge. Could he rehabilitate a play which has left commentators wondering if Shakespeare should have spent 1608 in the Webster Home for Afflicted Jacobean Dramatists, being treated for depression, paranoia and syphilis? Even Edmund Chambers, austerest of scholars, suspected that *Timon* was written "under conditions of mental and perhaps physical stress, which led to breakdown". The Royal Shakespeare Company, which likes to present the entire Shakespearean canon every seven years, has revived the play once in the last quarter-century.

Monotony and predictability are the danger. The plot resembles a simple sermon delivered by a monomaniac preacher who illustrates his theme by shouting very loudly and lengthily. Timon lavishes his wealth on Athenians who inevitably fail to reciprocate when the bailiffs appear. The obsessive philanthropist promptly becomes an obsessive misanthrope. The sin of which he complains is ingratitude; but it excites in Timon a cosmic pique that leaves Lear sounding as if his godson has forgotten to send him a thank-you letter.

How, then, has Nunn managed to resuscitate this "stillborn twin of *Lear*"? Mainly by transposing the plot to our time and clime. His production opens in the urban jungle, with bully-boys shooting a passing robber, and speedily shifts to a smiling crowd of beautiful people, who are shot only by passing paparazzi. When the celebrity do-gooder Timon looks for loans, the action moves to a smart office with secretary and lap-top computer, then to Ascot races, then to a posh squash court.

With messengers arriving on motor bikes, and a scene in an airport, the feeling grows that Nunn does not trust his original. He wishes to beguile us with entertaining detail. But not for nothing does he publish a programme note critical of contemporary Britain's dependence on charity and unsentimentality about economic failure. His *Timon* is, in effect, Peter Flannery's anti-Thatcher epic, *Singer*, in period verse.

That this limits the original is obvious. A universal denunciation of human evil becomes condemnation of one spoiled, greedy, loveless society. Yet if *Timon* can be saved by shrinkage, so be it: At least the result is visual variety, as well as forceful individual scenes, such as one in which debt-collectors cram round David Suchet's Timon, like seedy hyenas attacking a weakened lion. At least there is Suchet himself.

At first he abjures swank and show for genuine warmth and sincerity. He believes in words like "friendship", "charity", "love", and takes unpretentious delight in proving it. True, he does not fully motivate the switch to the cynical hermit who spends the rest of the play scuttling round a car-cemetery. There is no preparatory insecurity beneath his confidence. But as cynic, he is marvellously bilious, and not bilious only. There is irony here, and sudden grief, and a great cry of despair when he answers someone who says he never wronged Timon: "yes, you spoke well of me!"

Rudolph Walker exudes pained decency as Timon's steward. Barry Foster, who plays the more moderately sullen philosopher Apemantus, might be a hard-left Lambeth councillor expressing solidarity with the squatting classes. Jerome Flynn is robust as Alcibiades, the victim, in a parallel sub-plot, of Athens's disdain for its benefactors. The acting throughout is strong enough to deserve the unintended compliment of a smart girl off for a drink at the interval. "It's all about Alan," she said, amazed. It probably was.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

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THEATRE

## The Marriage of Figaro
## Palace, Watford

A COMMON simile compared the art of writing comedy to the achievements of a clockmaker, both calling for intricacy, precision and the movement of wheels within wheels. How satisfying, then, that 30 years before creating the character of Figaro, Caron de Beaumarchais — then plain Caron, a watchmaker's son — invented the escapement.

His play's criticism of the assumptions of a despotic upper class inevitably caused a sensation at its first public performance. But Mozart's opera followed so soon upon it that, outside France, the original was eclipsed. Lou Stein's production opens with a tinkling of Mozart but the rattle of castanets quickly drives off the harpsichord as the lights go up on Kenny Miller's sun-bleached but disintegrating Spanish interior.

The plot's principal concern is to marry Figaro to his Suzanne while thwarting the attempts of the Count, Figaro's employer, to seduce her. Peripheral to this, but neatly connected, are half a dozen other plotlets that make use of such cogs as intercepted letters, leaps from windows and, of course, the birthmark that reunites a mother and her son.

Stein's staging is energetic but, at the last preview, was being marred by grit in the works. This is not because of Ranjit Bolt's translation, happily colloquial and elevating itself into rhymed couplets at moments of crisis. What is lacking is the vital sense that the Count represents a doomed order, soon to be swept away by the bustling middle class.

The curious variety of costumes ranges from John Grillo's frock-coated Bartholo, by way of Emma Amos's nicely dippy Fanchette, wearing something out of *Alice in Wonderland* from fabric by Laura Ashley, to Kate Buffery's Countess, flaming like a torch in contemporary satin. And if this is to suggest, unhelpfully, that despotic upper classes are perennially on the point of being overturned, the argument is undercut by Sylvester McCoy's bouncing Count. In smoking jacket and tail coat a size too large, this seedy Feydeau fop poses no threat, for even a man who is losing his grip must suggest he was once capable of gripping. When pecking his lips up the disguised Countess's arm, McCoy is funny enough but the interpretation lacks body.

John Bowe's sturdy Figaro keeps the action moving well, his manners as suave as his well-shaven cheeks; though it is sad to think he ends up tied to Sarah Payne's aggressive minx.

JEREMY KINGSTON

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OPERA

## The Marriage of Figaro
## RNCM, Manchester

EVEN within Manchester's cluttered musical life, opening nights have become something of a social occasion at the Royal Northern College of Music. Prominent citizens gather, expecting near-professional standards and future stars. This pressure can affect even the most confident student, and it explains why *The Marriage of Figaro* took some time to settle down. Only in the third act did it become clear that this was a performance to remember.

Here Paul Whelan put across Count Almaviva's long opening scene with a deftly controlled range of emotion, skilfully using his mellow voice. Every detail was beautifully judged, from the breathtaking tenderness to the arrogance and the frustration.

Here too Maria Tasker, as the Countess, offered the greatest purely musical delight of the evening, when she sang "Dove sono" with a degree of purity, understanding, flexibility and sheer vocal eloquence that would be admired on any stage in the country. Elsewhere her ensemble contributions and fine acting showed that she is ready for a professional career.

But the purely dramatic laurels must go to Michael Pearson. If his pleasing voice is still light and inclined to go rough under pressure, he gave more dimensions to the role of Figaro than I have seen in many years. In this he was much aided by Stefan Janski's intelligent and thoughtful production — essentially traditional, with elegantly economical sets by Matt English — which succeeded in clarifying the often baffling complexities of the last act.

Nevertheless, Pearson's ability to convey feeling with the slightest change of facial expression or bodily stance was quite exceptional. And it is not often that a leading operatic singer executes a backward roll across a table.

With nothing omitted from the last act, there was a chance to enjoy arias from both Madeleine Gray as Marcellina and Neil Griffiths as Basilio; and here Anne O'Byrne recovered from an earlier uncertainty as Susanna to sing "Deh vieni" with fine control.

None of this would have had quite the same impact, however, without the splendid orchestral playing. It was not just that Timothy Reynish showed an apt control of the forms and contrasts in the score — though it is rare that every tempo should seem so absolutely right. There was also a verve and courage in the bubblingly stylish playing, with some beguiling details.

DAVID FALLOWS

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THEATRE

## The Winter Wife
## Lyric, Hammersmith

KATHERINE Mansfield's exquisitely judged short stories give little hint of the expatriate New Zealand writer's tempestuous private life: the venereal disease, stormy relations with men, and deep attraction to women. Claire Tomalin's first play, charting the convalescent author's winter in the south of France towards the end of her short life, was reviewed by Jeremy Kingston at its Southampton premiere. His favourable opinion can only be endorsed with the play now in London: a fascinating relationship, grippingly recounted.

Tanya McCallin's stylised, composite set is dominated by the bedroom, a tilted platform on concertinaed steps, and a slanted blue slab of Mediterranean sky. Here the eternal war of attrition between lover and beloved is harpingly played out. Mansfield's doggedly devoted companion, loving, loyal and long-suffering, left memoirs that provide much of the play's material. Gabrielle Lloyd plays her with too much emphasis on fluttery spinsterish comedy — Ida Baker *was* silly, but noble, too. When the actress lets the character speak for herself without signalling how funny she is to the audience, the result is genuinely moving.

The strength of Patrick Sandford's production is to make Mansfield's intolerant bullying understandable, even forgivable. Rachel Joyce is a young actress who has occasionally fallen into the trap of mannerism; with modern writing she is transformed. Her Katherine is convincingly talented, as well as impatient, ironic, mocking, restless; one of the basically lonely who excel at twisting the knife in their nearest and dearest since, like all unhappy people, she thinks she has nothing to lose. A complex, infuriating and, finally, only just pardonable creation.

MARTIN HOYLE

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## CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country.

### NEW RELEASES

BERLIN JERUSALEM: Amos Gitai's stylised exploration of the Zionist dream; clever on paper less rewarding on the screen.
ICA Cinema (071-930 3647).

FEAR (18): Demure Ally Sheedy as the lady in peril — a psychic with a gift for seeing brutal murders. Fair psychological chiller from writer-director Rockne O'Bannon.
Cannons: Haymarket (071-839 1527) Oxford Street (071-636 0310).

◆ THE GODFATHER PART III (15): Brooding finale to Francis Ford Coppola's Mafia saga, handsomely staged but lacking resonance. Al Pacino, Andy Garcia.
Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Fulham Road (071-370 2636).
Empire (071-497 9999) Notting Hill Coronet (071-727 6705) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

### CURRENT

AVALON (U): Engaging personal saga about immigrant experience and post-war breakup of family life, by *Rain Man* director Barry Levinson. Fine performances by Armin Mueller-Stahl, Joan Plowright.
Curzon Phoenix (071-240 9661) Screen on the Hill (071-435 3366).

◆ BUDDY'S SONG (12): Roger Daltrey as an ageing pop musician whose tedious marital problems are resolved through the musical talents of his son. Director, Claude Whatham.
Cannon Oxford Street (071-636 0310).

C'EST LA VIE (12): Evocative autobiographical recollection by French director Diane Kurys: a childhood seaside holiday soured by marital breakup. With Natalie Baye.
Barbican (071-638 8891) Premiere (071-439 4470).

CYRANO DE BERGERAC (U): Oscar nominee Gerard Depardieu masterful as the lovelorn, long-nosed Cyrano; director Jean-Paul Rappeneau transforms Rostand's play into magnificent, swashbuckling cinema.
Chelsea Cinema (071-351 3742) Lumière (071-836 0691) Renoir (071-837 8402).

◆ DANCES WITH WOLVES (12): Kevin Costner as the Civil War lieutenant sucked into the Sioux's way of life. Over-reverent, though Costner mounts his directional debut with aplomb. Nominated for 12 Oscars.
Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8861) Odeon Marble Arch (071-723 2011) Screen on the Green (071-226 3520) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324) Warner (071-439 0791).

DECEMBER BRIDE (PG): Irish tale of a strong-willed servant girl, bogged down by dour atmosphere, but enlivened by Saskia Reeves. Director, Thaddeus O'Sullivan.
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Metro (071-437 0757).

GREEN CARD (12): Marriage of convenience becomes unbearable when slobbish Gerard Depardieu moves in with uptight Andie MacDowell. Likeable New York romantic comedy, director Peter Weir.
Cannon Chelsea (071-352 5096) Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644/5) West End (071-930 5252/7615) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

◆ THE GRIFTERS (18): Stephen Frears' disjointed version of Jim Thompson's con-artist thriller. John Cusack, Anjelica Huston, Annette Bening, stranded in a glossy limbo.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Odeon Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) Warner (071-439 0791).

◆ KINDERGARTEN COP (12): Uptight cop (Arnold Schwarzenegger) becomes kindergarten teacher. Bland, cute comedy, awkwardly mixed with violent shoot-outs.
Plaza (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

MEET THE APPLEGATES (15): Insects in human form succumb to American vices. Lunatic satirical comedy from *Heathers* director Michael Lehmann. Ed Begley Jr, Stockard Channing.
Cannon Panton Street (071-930 0631).

METROPOLITAN (15): Whit Stillman's wickedly ironic comedy of manners set among New York's debutantes and preppies. Witty dialogue, elegant direction. With Edward Clements, Carolyn Farina.
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148).

MILLER'S CROSSING (18): Prohibition gang warfare from the brothers Coen: brooding, labyrinthine, over-laden with words and smart artifice. Gabriel Byrne, Albert Finney.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Cannons: Haymarket (071-839 1527) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Gate (071-727 4043).

MR AND MRS BRIDGE (PG): Eloquent portrait of an upper middle-class American marriage, from Evan S. Connell's novels. Joanne Woodward, Paul Newman, director, James Ivory.
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865).

THE NASTY GIRL (PG): Provocative, funny assault on Germany's Nazi past, with Lena Stolze as the girl uncovering her home town's shady history.
Minema (071-235 4225) Premiere (071-439 4470) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772).

◆ PACIFIC HEIGHTS (15): Evil tenant Michael Keaton makes life hell for landlords Matthew Modine and Melanie Griffith. Strenuous implausible thriller, director, John Schlesinger.
Cannon Chelsea (071-352 5096) Odeons: Haymarket (071-839 7697) Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

◆ POSTCARDS FROM THE EDGE (15): Caustic Tinseltown comedy, with a few tears, from Carrie Fisher's novel. Meryl Streep as the drug-abused actress, Shirley MacLaine as her mother. Director, Mike Nichols.
Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Mezzanine (071-930 6111) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

◆ THE RUSSIA HOUSE (12): Serpentine spy games with Sean Connery and Michelle Pfeiffer. Muted thriller from John Le Carré's novel, director, Fred Schepisi.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8861) Plaza (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

THE SHELTERING SKY (18): A chilling novel (by Paul Bowles) filmed with a warming visual sweep by Bernardo Bertolucci. With John Malkovich and Debra Winger.
Plaza (071-497 9999).

TILAI (PG): Formidably beautiful African tale of love versus village traditions from Idrissa Ouedraogo, director of *Yaaba*.
Metro (071-437 0757) Renoir (071-837 8402).

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## THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of current theatre in London

■ House full, returns only
▨ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

▨ ALL IN THE WRONG: Sam Walters' bright new theatre opens with an amiable 18th-century romp of sexual misunderstandings.
*Orange Tree*, 45 Kew Road, Richmond (081-940 3633). Underground/BR: Richmond. Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 4pm. Running time: 2hrs 45mins. Closes March 30.

☐ THE BATTLE OF AUGHRIM: Intriguing 18th-century heroic tragedy as performed by 19th-century Thespians. London-Irish arts festival production.
St Stephen's Hall, Gayford Road, Shepherds Bush, W12 (081-995 4413). Underground: Goldhawk Road. Tonight, 8pm.

▨ CROMWELL: Imaginative staging of Brendan Kennelly's poem sequence on Anglo-Irish violence: 80 minutes of dense, vivid imagery. London-Irish arts festival production.
Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (081-743 3388). Underground: Shepherds Bush. Mon-Sat, 8pm. Running time: 1hr 15mins. Closes March 16.

■ FIVE GUYS NAMED MOE: Marvellous jazzy revue packed with Louis Jordan numbers. An evening of joy.
Lyric, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-437 3686). Underground: Piccadilly. Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 6pm and 8.45pm. Running time: 1hr 45mins.

☐ 42ND STREET: Irresistible tap-dancing novice-to-star musical back in town to give everyone a tonic.
Dominion, Tottenham Court Road, W1 (071-580 9562). Underground: Tottenham Court Road. Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Thurs, Sat, 2.30pm. Running time: 2hrs 30mins. Closes April 20.

▨ THE HOMECOMING: Warren Mitchell and others seducing and seduced by Cherie Lunghi in Peter Hall's Pinter revival.
Comedy, Panton Street, W1 (071-867 1045). Underground: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. Running time: 2hrs 15mins.

☐ THE KING AND I: Susan Hampshire and Koshiro Matsumoto IX in old-fashioned show, packed with a wealth of hit songs.
Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (071-278 8916). Underground: Angel. Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. Running time: 2hrs 50mins. Closes March 30.

☐ OUT OF ORDER: Donald Sinden puffs, Michael Williams panics, in latest Ray Cooney farce: over-plotted, under-developed.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Underground: Holborn. Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 5.30pm. Running time: 2hrs 15mins. Closes March 16.

☐ PURGATORY IN INGOLSTADT: Violence and cruelty among school children in pre-Hitler Germany: superb production of Marieluise Fleisser's prescient 1924 play.
Gate, Prince Albert Pub, 11 Pembridge Road, W11 (071-229 0706). Underground: Notting Hill Gate. Mon-Sat, 7.30pm. In repertory with *Pioneers in Ingolstadt*. Closes March 30.

▨ RACING DEMON: David Hare's award-winning state-of-the-church drama.
*National (Olivier)*, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Underground/BR: Waterloo. Tonight, tomorrow, 7.15pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm. Running time: 2hrs 50mins.

☐ THE REHEARSAL: Ian McDiarmid's stylish production (costumes by Jasper Conran) of Anouilh's seduction play.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-379 6107). Underground: Leicester Square. Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Tues, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. Running time: 2hrs 30mins.

☐ THE RISING OF THE MOON: Excellently-acted first play by James Doherty: survivors of a Glasgow-Irish childhood fight over their past.
Old Red Lion, 418 St John Street, EC1 (071-837 7816). Underground: Angel. Tues-Sun 8pm. Running time 2hrs 5mins. Closes March 23.

☐ THE ROCKY HORROR SHOW: Raucous and wild, bold and bizarre; sometimes deafening rock musical.
Piccadilly, Denman Street, W1 (071-867 1118). Underground: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat, 7pm and 9.15pm. Running time: 1hr 30mins.

☐ THE ROUND TABLE: Christoph Hein's dour Arthurian parable of East German malaise in the late Eighties.
Lyric Studio, King Street, W6 (081-741 2311). Underground: Hammersmith. Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4.30pm. Running time: 2hrs 15mins. Closes March 16.

■ SILLY COW: Ben Elton's awkward collection of one-liners, centred around Dawn French as a ghoulish tabloid journo sued for libel.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Underground: Piccadilly. Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat, 5.30pm and 8.45pm. Running time: 2hrs 10mins.

▨ TIMON OF ATHENS: David Suchet suave and sulphurous in a modern-dress production by Trevor Nunn that enlivens Shakespeare's blank spots.
Young Vic, 66 The Cut, SE1 (071-928 6363). Underground: Waterloo. Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Thurs, 1.30pm. Running time: 3hrs 15mins. Closes April 20.

☐ TWELFTH NIGHT: Peter Hall's autumnal production, stressing comedy and motive: with Eric Porter, Dinsdale Landen.
Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (071-839 4401). Underground: Embankment. Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. Running time: 2hrs 40mins.

▨ THE VISIT: Théâtre de Complicité triumph in Dürrenmatt's black comedy of revenge and corruption.
National (Lyttelton) (as left). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, 2.15pm. Running time: 2hrs 55mins.

LONG RUNNERS: ☐ Absurd Person Singular: Whitehall (071-867 1119) ... ☐ Aspects of Love: Prince of Wales (071-839 5972) ... ☐ Blood Brothers: Albery (071-867 1115) ... ▨ Buddy: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ... ▨ Cats: New London (071-405 0072) ... ☐ Hidden Laughter: Vaudeville (071-836 9987) ... ▨ Me and My Girl: Adelphi (071-836 7611) ... ■ Les Misérables: Palace (071-434 0909) ... ■ Miss Saigon: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-836 8108) ... ☐ The Mousetrap: St Martin's (071-836 1443) ... ■ The Phantom of the Opera: Her Majesty's (071-839 2244) ... ☐ Return to the Forbidden Planet: Cambridge (071-379 5299) ... ☐ Run For Your Wife: Duchess (071-836 8243) ... ☐ Shirley Valentine: Duke of York's (071-836 5122) ... ☐ A Slice of Saturday Night: Arts (071-836 2132) ... ▨ Starlight Express: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ... ☐ The Woman in Black: Fortune (071-836 2238).

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## TODAY'S EVENTS

SAMSON ET DALILA: American tenor Michael Sylvester makes his Royal Opera debut singing the role of Samson in Elijah Moshinsky's production of the Saint-Saëns opera. British mezzo-soprano Claire Powell sings Dalila. Jacques Delacôte conducts.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (071-240 1066/1911), 7.30pm.

RUSALKA: David Pountney's Victorian nursery production of *Dvořák's* operatic fairytale has lost none of its original dramatic conviction or potent symbolism. Nancy Gustafson plays the spirited Rusalka on Stefanos Lazaridis's surreal moon-white sets. Stuart Challender conducts.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (071-836 3161), 7pm.

MUSICA ANTIQUA KOLN: Baritone Hans Georg Wimmer joins the excellent early music chamber group for a programme of Telemann and Bach.
Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, London W1 (071-935 2141), 7.30pm.

INVISIBLE FRIENDS: Previews begin tonight for Alan Ayckbourn's latest play — especially written for a family audience — about a young girl's imaginary friend.
National Theatre (Cottesloe), South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 2252), 7.30pm.

SIR CHRISTOPHER WREN AND THE MAKING OF ST PAUL'S: The Academy's new show chronicles the history of St Paul's under the aegis of Wren, with documents, drawings completed by him and his assistants, engravings of the cathedral during its construction, and the magnificent Wooden Model: an exceptional example of 17th-century craftsmanship.
Royal Academy of Art, Piccadilly, London W1 (071-439 7438), 10am-6pm.

A.J. DUBOIS DRAHONET (1791-1834): William IV developed a passion for having the uniforms of his army recorded, and commissioned the French military painter Drahonet. The paintings go far beyond their brief, showing the uniforms in meticulous detail and providing brilliantly characterised portraits.
National Army Museum, Royal Hospital Road, London SW3 (071-730 0717), 10am-5.30pm, closes tomorrow.

WEEKEND COMEDY FESTIVAL: Some of the best acts on the cabaret circuit appear in this three-day event celebrating the BAC's contribution to comedy since its foundation.
Battersea Arts Centre, Lavender Hill, London SW11 (071-223 2223), 8pm.

FREDDY JACKSON: New York's flamboyant master of boudoir-soul, still hitting the right pitch.
Royal Centre, Theatre Square, Nottingham (0602 482525), 7.30pm.

CAPRICORN: The chamber group, featuring soprano Rosemary Hardy, presents a 20th-century Soviet programme, contrasting Schnittke's String Trio with Sofia Gubaidulina's *Homage to T.S. Eliot*.
Royal Northern College of Music, 124 Oxford Road, Manchester (061-273 4504), 7.30pm.

THE NORTHERN SINFONIA: Richard Hickox conducts Handel's Water Music, Schumann's Piano Concerto in A minor (with the distinguished soloist John Lill) and Beethoven's Symphony No 8, Op 93.
Huddersfield Town Hall, Ramsden Street, Huddersfield (0484 422133), 7.30pm.

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WORD-WATCHING

*Answers from page 22*

**INSPISSATE**

**(c) To thicken or condense, also to permeate, from the Latin *spissare* to make more solid, to thicken; Anthony Burgess, *Earthly Powers*: "Scents of noxious herbs alight arose to inspissate the air."**

**KINCHIN**

**(a) Sixteenth-century tramps' slang for a boy or girl child belonging to the community, from the German *Kindchen* little child; *Oliver Twist*: "The kinchins is the young children that's sent on errands by their mothers."**

**SHEATFISH**

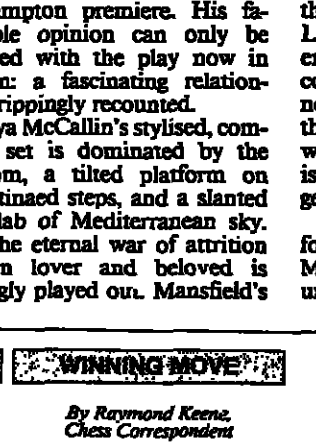
**(b) A gigantic fish, *Silurus glanis*, the European catfish, of the Danube and other rivers, from the German *scheidfisch*: "A mighty sheatfish smokes upon the festive board."**

**DITTANY**

**(b) An aromatic rutaceous plant, *Dictamnus albus*, secreting much volatile oil, probably in its ancient Greek origin from Mount *Dikte* in Crete: "Dittany of Crete has the small purple flowers collected in loose nodding heads."**

WINNING MOVE

*By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent*



This position is from the game Horwitz — Honan, USA 1941. Black is threatening the White king, but it is White's turn to play. How does he get in first? Solution tomorrow.

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6.30 Breakfast News
9.15 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a discussion on best friends 9.55 Regional news and weather
10.00 News and weather 10.05 *Playdays* (r) 10.30 Dish of the Day, cooked up by Rosemary Moon 10.35 Going for Gold. Henry Kelly with another round of the quiz game with European contestants (r)
11.00 News, regional news and weather 11.05 People Today. A look at the lives of people across Britain. In this edition, younger viewers have their say in *Children Today*
12.00 News, regional news and weather 12.05 Scene Today. Tim Grundy, Alan Titchmarsh and Debi Jones present the Broadcasting Press Guild awards live from Pebble Mill, as television writers and journalists discuss the last 12 months of British broadcasting 12.55 Regional News and weather
1.00 One O'Clock News and weather 1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax)
1.50 Film: Among the Cinders (1985). Feeling guilt over the accidental death of a friend, teenager Nick (Paul O'Shea) escapes with grandfather (Derek Hardwick) and the two embark on a journey of self-discovery. A New Zealand film with touching and thoughtful moments, directed by Rolf Haedrich 3.35 Cartoon
3.50 Henry's Cat. Cartoon (r) 4.05 Jackanory. Last part of *The Unlucky Family*, by Mrs Henry de la Pasture and read by Penelope Wilton 4.20 Fantastic Max. Cartoon (r) 4.30 Eyespy. Children's spy quiz
4.55 Newsround Extra 5.10 Grange Hill. Episode 18 of the 20-part drama serial set in a comprehensive school. (Ceefax)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) Northern Ireland: Sportswide 5.40 Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Moira Stuart. Weather
6.30 Regional News Magazines. Northern Ireland: Neighbours
7.00 Wogan. With Elizabeth Glaser, wife of actor Paul Michael Glaser, Little and Large, Diana Quick and Patrick Malahide. Music is provided by the Beautiful South
7.40 Joint Account. Lightweight role reversal comedy about bank manager Belinda (Hannah Gordon) and her house-husband David (Peter Egan) (r). (Ceefax)
8.10 Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em. Anarchic comedy written by Raymond Allen from stories by Michael Crawford. Another showing for the episode in which beret-wearing, accident-prone Frank Spencer (Crawford) learns to fly (r)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather
9.30 The Boys from the Bush. Uneven Melbourne-based comedy series starring Tim Healy as Reg, a Shepherd's Bush native who has made a new life in Australia. Reg and his partner Dennis (Chris Haywood) are asked by a Greek man to keep his daughter and her boyfriend apart because the girl already has an arranged marriage. (Ceefax) Northern Ireland: The Show

Hide and seek: Michael Caine, Laurence Olivier (10.20pm)

10.20 Film: Sleuth (1972).
● CHOICE: The director Joseph L. Mankiewicz has filmed plays as various as *Julius Caesar* (the famous 1953 production with Marlon Brando) and Ben Jonson's *Volpone*, which appeared in a modern version as *The Honey Pot*. Anthony Shaffer's *Sleuth* may be a soufflé compared with either of those, but no less a challenge for the cinema since it is virtually a two-hander and so deliberately theatrical in style that there is little scope for cinematic "opening-out". Mankiewicz decided to make a virtue out of necessity, emphasising the staginess of the piece with obvious sets and artificial dialogue while giving it a smooth filmic flow. Laurence Olivier, in one of his last big screen roles, has a whale of a time as the flamboyant thriller writer involved in an elaborate cat-and-mouse game with his wife's lover (Michael Caine). (Ceefax) Northern Ireland: 10.15 *Boys From the Bush* 11.05-12.30am *Film: Count Yorga, Vampire*
12.35am Weather

## BBC 2

6.45 Open University: Earthquakes. Ends at 7.10
8.00 News
8.15 Westminster. A round-up of yesterday's business from both houses
9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes
2.00 News and weather followed by Words and Pictures. A learning to read series (r) 2.15 Weekend Outlook (r)
2.20 Sport on Friday introduced by Helen Rollason. Athletics: coverage of the world indoor championships from Seville. The commentators are David Coleman and Paul Dickenson; Football: highlights of the week's games in the various European cups and Trevor Brooking previewing the weekend's FA Cup sixth round games. Includes news and weather at 3.00 and 3.50
4.00 Catchword. Erudite word game with Paul Coia
4.30 Fighting Talk. Andrew Neil, editor of the *Sunday Times* and media free-marketeer, vents his spleen on censorship and the restriction of press freedom
5.00 News followed by Holiday 91. Holiday ideas for children including Bobby Charlton's soccer school and a Swallows and Amazons adventure holiday in the Lake District (r). (Ceefax)
5.30 Top Gear. William Woollard reports from the Geneva International Motorshow and there is a road test of the new Mitsubishi Sigma (r). Wales: Miniature Worlds 5.35 A Way With Numbers
6.00 Athletics. Action from the IAAF world indoor championships from Seville, introduced by Helen Rollason. Canadian Ben Johnson has returned to international competition after a two-year ban for illegal drug use and takes on Britain's Linford Christie in the 60 metres final at 6.45. Plus the final of the women's 60 metres and heats of the men's 1500 metres
6.50 Grand Prix 500. A review of classic moments from 40 years of the 500 world championship grand prix. World champions Jackie Stewart and Ayrton Senna give their view of life in the fast lane. Wales: France Actuelle 7.15 Wales in Westminster
7.45 What The Papers Say. Paul Foot of the *Daily Mirror* on how the press coverage of the Birmingham Six appeal
8.00 Public Eye: Child Labour — Turning a Blind Eye. The recession has created a boom in child labour. Most of Britain's child workers are illegally employed, underpaid and threatened by serious injury. Clare Harrison examines the long-term cost to the nation and the need for legislation to prevent this hidden form of child abuse
8.30 Gardeners' World. The green fingers of Dr Stephan Buczacki nurse some sickly conifers while Geoff Hamilton offers tips on chrysanthemum buying
9.00 Lazarus and Dingwall. Detective spoof featuring the men of the Really Serious Crime Squad. A homicidal pheasant-wielding maniac is on the loose in the last episode of a series that has never quite hit the target. Starring Stephen Frost and Mark Arden. (Ceefax)

Keeping busy trying to do nothing: Keith Waterhouse (9.30pm)

9.30 Arena: Staring at the Ceiling.
● CHOICE: In a marvellously entertaining self-profile, the multi-purpose writer Keith Waterhouse tries to have us believe that he fills his day gazing into space, having lunch and doing *The Times* crossword. But for a non-workaholic he packs an awful lot in. We see him putting on a new play, working on a novel, finishing another book, doing a twice-a-week newspaper column, visiting the Labour and Conservative party conferences and driving a tram along Blackpool seafront. The freelance life is clearly for him. He says he has never had a proper job and does not intend to start now. At the Tory conference he is prompted to remark that the Thatcher era is symbolised for him by lager louts, rottweilers, hooray Henrys, cardboard cities, Sharons and Traceys and cordless phones. If this is the case viewers may wonder why, of all papers, he chooses to write for the *Daily Mail*
10.30 Newsnight with Jeremy Paxman 11.15 Weather
11.20 Film: Jarrapellejos (1987). A small Spanish town in 1912 is a hotbed of intrigue and sexual activity. Corrupt businessman Pedro Luis Jarrapellejos is the unofficial town boss and rules with an iron hand. Heinous crimes are covered up but his lecherous advances toward a stubborn young girl prove to be his undoing. Visually powerful and sometimes graphic in its portrayals of sexual violence, the film is gripping viewing with a commanding performance by Antonio Ferrandis as the title character. Directed by Antonio Giménez-Rico. Ends at 1.05am

## ITV

6.00 TV-am
9.25 Lucky Ladders. Game show hosted by Lennie Bennett 9.55 Thames News and weather
10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . Mike Scott chairs a discussion on a topical subject
10.40 This Morning. Home and family magazine series presented by Richard Madeley and Judy Finnigan
12.05 Rainbow. Educational fun for children 12.25 Thames News and weather
12.30 News with John Suchet. Weather
1.20 Home and Away. Drama serial about an Australian couple and their foster children 1.50 A Country Practice. Drama set in and around a rural Australian medical centre
2.20 Thames Action. Consumer issues are investigated by Viv Taylor Gee and Jacqui King 2.50 Give Us a Clue. Michael Parkinson hosts another edition of television charades. Regulars Lionel Blair and Liza Goddard are joined by Lesley Ash, Bernard Cribbins, Derek Griffiths, Barbara Knox, Mary Parkinson and Bernie Winters
3.15 ITN News headlines 3.20 Thames News headlines 3.25 The Young Doctors. Medical and emotional drama with the staff and patients of a Large Australian city hospital
3.55 Ask Oddie. Bill Oddie hosts a new series about the environment 4.15 Warner Brothers Cartoon starring Tweety Pie (r) 4.30 Fun House. Slapstick game show presented by Pat Sharp
5.00 Home and Away (r)
5.30 News with Fiona Armstrong. (Oracle) Weather
6.00 6 O'Clock Live presented by Frank Bough and Joanna Sheldon. They are joined by Dennis Waterman who talks about his new film *Cold Justice*
6.55 The Day looks at the problem of agoraphobia
7.00 The $64,000 Question. Bob Monkhouse smirks his way through the game show in which contestants can win up to £6,400
7.30 Coronation Street. Drama from the residents of Weatherfield. (Oracle)
8.00 Surprise Surprise. That hardiest of perennials Cilla Black presents the show that makes dreams come true. Springing surprises on unsuspecting members of the studio audience and people at home, delivering Cillagrams and fulfilling ambitions for people of all ages are all part of the routine. Bob Carolgees goes out and about with the outside broadcast team and Gordon Burns presents the television contact service, Searchline. (Oracle)
9.00 The Trials of Rosie O'Neill: Late Night Callers. Well-crafted legal drama starring Sharon Gless as the former Beverly Hills lawyer turned poor man's advocate. Rosie's defence of a young man accused of assault leaves him with the wrong impression and she has to convince him that her interest is strictly professional. On the home front, her mother does not approve of her therapist, and her boyfriend is confused by her lack of commitment. (Oracle)
10.00 News at Ten with Julia Somerville and Trevor McDonald. (Oracle) Weather 10.35 LWT News and weather
10.40 The London Programme. Trevor Phillips reports on allegations that Liberal plans to transform a run-down borough in the East End into a model of efficiency have turned out to be a case of replacing old problems with new ones
11.10 Hooperman. American comedy drama series about the exploits of an unorthodox policeman (John Ritter)
11.40 Jake and the Fatman. Good-looking DA Jake Styles (Joe Penny) and rotund detective McCabe (William Conrad) team up to fight crime in the big city. McCabe nails a porn king for murder by producing a witness who should be dead
12.45am Dirty Dancing. Spin-off series from the hit movie

Turning a deaf ear to his public: James Whale (1.05am)

1.05 The James Whale Radio Show. The abrasive Mr Whale invites the public to ring in, although there is no guarantee that he will listen to what they have to say
2.05 Word of Mouth. Poetry presented by John Hegley
2.35 Raw Power. Rock music
3.35 CinemAttractions. Movie news and reviews from the US
4.05 Ski Tips from Andy Steggall and Liz Wickham 4.35 Ski World
5.05 Cooking with Kurma. Kurma demonstrates his vegetarian cookery skills
5.30 ITN Morning News with Anne Leuchars. Ends at 6.00

## CHANNEL 4

6.00 Art of Landscape. Soothing scenes of the landscape accompanied by gentle music
6.20 Business Daily
6.30 The Channel Four Daily
9.25 Schools
12.00 News summary
12.05 The Parliament Programme presented by Sue Cameron
12.30 Business Daily. Financial and business news service
1.00 Sesame Street. Entertaining learning series for children
2.00 The Complete Skier. Ski instruction for all levels
2.30 Film: The Franchise Affair (1951, b/w). Decent, well-acted adaptation of Josephine Tey's suspense mystery, based on an unusual real case from the 18th century. Ann Stephens plays the teenage girl who arrives home after being missing for two weeks, claiming to have been kidnapped by two women (Dulcie Gray and Marjorie Fielding). Michael Denison is the country solicitor determined to prove the women's innocence. Directed by Lawrence Huntington
4.10 The Three Stooges in *Monkey Businessmen* (1946, b/w)
4.30 Countdown. More fast-moving game involving words and numbers
5.00 Not On Sunday. Ronald Eyre investigates to what extent science and religion are compatible. His guests are theoretical physicist the Rev Professor John Polkinghorne, biologist Dr Rupert Sheldrake and theologian Prof Ursula King
5.30 Sumo. The ancient art of Japanese wrestling
6.00 Happy Days. American comedy set in the Fifties
6.30 Tonight With Jonathan Ross. The guests are singer Seal and Ellery Hanley, the British rugby league international, who this week announced he was to play American football for the London Monarchs
7.00 Channel Four News with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi. (Teletext)
7.50 First Reaction. Jonathan Glancey, architectural correspondent of the *Independent*, reviews "City Steel — Contemporary British Furniture", a new exhibition by various designers at the Crafts Council in London. Followed by Weather
8.00 Brookside. Drama with the residents of a Liverpudlian cul-de-sac. (Teletext)
8.30 Travelog. Includes a report by Susan Marling on Zimbabwe for the independent traveller
9.00 Cheers. Vibrant comedy about the almost-residential patrons of a Boston bar. After a prank by Norm and Cliff, Sam and Frazier have a serious misunderstanding, resulting in Frazier vowing never to visit the bar again (Teletext)
9.30 Garden Club. Programme for the beginner as well as green-fingered gardener. Including tips on soil fertility, growing asparagus, vegetable sowing and feeding fruit. Presented by Rebecca Pow, Roy Lancaster and Matthew Biggs (Teletext)
10.00 Roseanne. Roseanne Barr as the wise-cracking matriarch of a raucous American household. (Teletext)
10.30 Whose Line Is It Anyway? Clive Anderson hosts the improvised comedy show that helped to make John Sessions a television star. Rising to the challenges tonight are Sandi Toksvig, Greg Proops, Tony Slattery and Mike McShane

Intangible qualities of heroism: Antoine de Caunes (11.00pm)

11.00 Generation 90: Heroes.
● CHOICE: Antoine de Caunes, host of BBC2's *Rapido*, switches channels to present an investigation into what it takes to be a hero. First transmitted in France, which may have more of a taste for discourses about the intangible, the show mixes international vox pop and the contributions of a huge celebrity panel that manages to include Bob Geldof, Benazir Bhutto and the Dalai Lama. The vox pop turns up such heroes as Mats Wilander, Tom Cruise and someone's dad, while the famous plump for Freud (the choice of Anthony Burgess), Gandhi (chosen by Sting) and Robert Kennedy (the hero of Benazir Bhutto). The discussion is pretty random and disorganised, and fails to produce a coherent thesis. The nearest is an attempt to classify villains by face fungus. This may work for Hitler, Stalin and Sadam Hussein but we can all think of prominent moustaches which do not belong to mass murderers
12.00 Channel Four News — Midnight Special with Sue Cameron. Ends at 2.00

## ITV VARIATIONS

### ANGLIA

As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 The Chef's Apprentice 5.00-5.30 *The Munsters Today* 6.00 Home and Away 6.25-7.00 Anglia News 10.45 Cross Question 11.50 Friday the 13th 12.45-1.15 Video View 2.15 America's Top Ten 2.45 In the Heat of the Night 3.45 Pop Profile 4.00 American College Football 5.00-5.30 Inter Bang!

### BORDER

As London except: 6.00pm Lookaround Friday 6.30-7.00 Take the High Road 10.45 The World of Golf 11.15 Hardball 12.20-1.15am Friday the 13th 2.15 The Young Riders 3.10 Night Beat 4.10 Space 5.00-5.30 Kate Bush

### CENTRAL

As London except: 2.20pm-3.15 Gardening Time 5.00-5.30 My Secret Identity 6.00 Home and Away 6.25-7.00 Central News 10.45 Central Weekend 12.20am-1.15 Prisoner: Cell Block H 2.15 Film: The Torture Garden 4.00 The Hit Man and Her 5.00-5.30 Central Jobfinder '91

### GRAMPIAN

As London except: 1.50pm Sons and Daughters 2.20-2.50 Scottish Women 6.00 North Tonight 6.30-7.00 Top Club 10.45 Country in Concert 11.50 Friday the 13th 12.45-1.15 NB 2.15 The Young Riders 3.10 Night Beat 4.10 Space 5.00-5.30 Kate Bush

### GRANADA

As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 Granada Weekend 5.00-5.30 Bratpack 6.00 Home and Away 6.30-7.00 Granada Tonight 10.45 Granada Up Front 11.50 Hooperman 12.20-1.15 Friday the 13th 2.15 The Young Riders 3.10 Night Beat 4.10 Space 5.00-5.30 Kate Bush

### HTV WEST

As London except: 3.25pm-3.55 Sons and Daughters 6.00 HTV News 6.30-7.00 HTV Sportsweek 10.45 Chadwick 11.50 Hooperman 12.20am-1.15 In the Heat of the Night 2.15 CinemAttractions 2.45 Film: The Scars of Dracula 4.25 America's Top Ten

### HTV WALES

As HTV West except: 4.55 Music Box Special 5.20-5.30 Jobfinder 6.00 Wales at Six 6.30-7.00 Stopwatch 10.45-11.45 The Captain Scott Society and HTV Cymru/Wales Adventure Film Awards 1991

### TSW

As London except: 1.50pm The Sullivans 2.20-2.50 Cooking with Kurma 3.25-3.55 Home and Away 5.00-5.30 Taxi 6.00 TSW Today 6.30-7.00 Gardens for All 10.45 Prisoner: Cell Block H 11.50 Hooperman 12.20-1.15 Friday the 13th 2.15 The Young Riders 3.10 Night Beat 4.10 Space 5.00-5.30 Kate Bush

### TVS

As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 Moneywise 3.25-3.55 Sons and Daughters 6.00 Coast to Coast Weekend Special 6.50-7.00 Police 5 10.45 After the News 11.50 Hooperman 12.20am-1.15 Philip Marlowe: Private Eye 2.15 The Young Riders 3.10 Raw Power 4.10 Sally Jessy Raphael 5.00-5.30 The Chancon and Bell Video Show

### TYNE TEES

As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 Up Country 6.00 Northern Life 6.30-7.00 Trailblazers 10.45 North Tonight 11.50 Hooperman 12.20-1.15 Friday the 13th 2.15 The Young Riders 3.10 Night Beat 4.10 Space 5.00-5.30 Kate Bush

### ULSTER

As London except: 1.50pm Sons and Daughters 2.20-2.50 Jimmy's 6.00 Six Tonight 6.30-7.00 Sportsbeat 10.45 Kelly 12.15-1.15am Prisoner: Cell Block H 2.15 Young Riders 3.10 Night Beat 4.10 Space 5.00-5.30 Night Flight

### YORKSHIRE

As London except: 1.55pm-2.50 Special Effects 6.00 Calendar 6.30-7.00 Seeing Stars 10.45 Film: The Day the Earth Moved 12.15am-1.15 Friday the 13th — The Series 2.15 The Concert 3.15 Kojak 4.10 The Silk Road 5.05-5.30 The Jacksons

### S4C

Starts: 6.00am C4 Daily 9.25 Ysgolion 12.00 Sbectel 12.10 Pobol Y Cwm 12.30 Newyddion 12.40 Slot Meithrin 1.00 Countdown 1.30 Business Daily 2.00 The Ancient Art of Cookery 2.30 Film: The Student Prince 4.30 Slot 23 5.15 Brookside 5.45 Heno 6.00 Newyddion 6.15 Heno 6.40 Pobol Y Cwm 7.00 Dinas 7.30 Llygad Yr Haul 8.00 Cefn Gwlad 8.30 Newyddion 8.55 Corau Mawr Y Byd 9.40 The Specialist 10.00 Cheers 10.30 Who's Line is it Anyway? 11.00 Generation '90 12.00 C4 News 2.00 Diwedd

### RTE 1

Starts: 12.15pm Dail Report 12.30 Arts Express 1.00 News 1.45 Crusade in Europe 2.05 GP 3.00 Live at Three 4.00 News followed by Sons and Daughters 4.30 Knots Landing 5.20 Masterworks 5.30 The Sullivans 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 Six-One 7.00 Fair City 7.30 Bless Me Father 8.00 Winning Streak 8.30 My Riveria 9.00 News 9.30 The Late Late Show 11.35 News followed by Midnight Caller 12.40am Close

### NETWORK 2

Starts: 2.30pm Bosco 3.00 The Den 6.30 Home and Away 7.00 Nuacht 7.08 Cursai 7.30 Coronation Street 8.00 News followed by Dempsey and Makepeace 9.00 Roseanne 9.30 News followed by Alfred Hitchcock Presents: Mirror Mirror 9.55 Film: Anna 11.35 Lou Grant 12.30am Close

## SATELLITE

### SKY ONE

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am The DJ Kat Show 8.40 Mrs Pepperpot 8.50 Panel Pot Pourri 10.00 Here's Lucy 10.30 The Young Doctors 11.00 The Bold and the Beautiful 11.30 The Young and the Restless 12.30pm Sale of the Century 1.00 True Confessions 1.30 Another World 2.20 Santa Barbara 2.45 Wife of the Week 3.15 Bewitched 3.45 The DJ Kat Show 5.00 Punky Brewster 5.30 McHale's Navy 6.00 Family Ties 6.30 Sale of the Century 7.00 Love at First Sight 7.30 Growing Pains 8.00 Riptide 9.00 Hunter 10.00 WWF Wrestling Challenge 11.00 The Deadly Ernest Horror Show: Vampire (1979) 1.00am Pages from Skytext

### SKY NEWS

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. News on the hour.
5.00am Sky Newswatch 6.00 Sunrise 9.30 Newsline 10.30 Those Were the Days 11.00 International Business Report 11.30 Dayline 12.30pm NBC Today 1.30 NBC Today 2.30 Parliament 3.30 The Lords 4.30 Those Were the Days 5.00 Live at Five 6.30 Newsline 8.30 Those Were the Days 10.30 Newsline 11.30 NBC News 12.30am CBS News 1.30 NBC News 2.30 CBS News 3.30 NBC News 4.30 Those Were the Days

### SKY MOVIES

● Via the Astra satellite.
6.00am Showcase
10.00 Deadly Game (1986): A high school student (Christopher Collett) builds a fully-armed nuclear device for a science project
12.00 *Pick-Up on South Street* (1953): A pickpocket accidentally steals a top secret roll of microfilm. Starring Richard Widmark
1.45pm Mayerling (1968): Classic tale of the love affair between the crown prince of Austria and his young commoner mistress
4.00 The Gift (1979): A sailor (Glenn Ford) returns to his old Brooklyn neighbourhood
6.00 Club Med (1986): The amorous adventures of five holidaymakers
7.40 Entertainment Tonight
8.00 Police Academy 6: City Under Siege (1989): The bumbling boys in blue confront the Wilson Heights gang
9.40 At the Pictures
10.00 Physical Evidence (1989): Attorney Theresa Russell attempts to defend cop Burt Reynolds on a murder charge, in spite of the evidence weighed against him
11.40 She was Marked for Murder (1988): A widowed businesswoman (Stefanie Powers) discovers that her new husband (Hunt Block) has a sinister background
1.15am Dracula's Widow (1987): Sylvia Kristel gives this modern-day version of the classic tale an erotic twist
2.45 Capone Behind Bars: An account of the gangster Al Capone's life in prison on the island of Alcatraz. Starring Ray Sharkey
4.20 Modern Problems (1981): An air traffic controller (Chevy Chase) acquires telekinetic powers and uses them to win back his former girlfriend. Ends at 5.50

### EUROSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite.
5.00am International Business Report 5.30 European Business Today 6.00 The DJ Kat Show 7.30 Eurobics 8.00 British Formula 3 1990 Motor Racing 8.30 Golf: The Million Dollar Challenge 9.30 Handclimbing 10.30 Eurobics 11.00 Virginia Slims Tennis 12.30pm Mediterranean Open Golf 2.30 Equestrianism 3.30 World Sports Special 4.00 World Indoor Athletics Championship 8.00 Wrestling 9.30 Formula 1 Grand Prix of the USA 10.00 Virginia Slims Tennis 11.00 1990 Formula 3 Powerboat Season 12.00 Eurosport News 12.30am The Ford Ski Report 1.30 British Touring Cars 1990 Season

### SCREENSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite.
7.00am Rhythmic/Artistic World Cup Gymnastics 8.00 *Sport de France* 8.30 Golf Centenary Skins 9.30 Spanish Football Highlights 10.00 Stop-USWA Wrestling 11.00 Ice Hockey NHL 1991 1.00pm ATP Volvo Tennis Chicago Indoor Men 3.00 Motorsport Rallycross 4.00 Argentina Football 5.00 Stop-Mud and Monsters 6.00 NBA Basketball 8.00 Go 9.00 US Pro Boxing 10.30 Ice Hockey NHL 1991 12.30am ATP Volvo Tennis Chicago Indoor Men 2.30 US PGA Doral Ryder Open 4.30 World Snooker Classics 6.30 Spain Spain Sport 6.45 Citroen Ski Europa

### MTV

● Via the Astra satellite.
Twenty-four hours of rock and pop

### LIFESTYLE

● Via the Astra satellite.
10.00am Great American Gameshows 11.15 Coffee Break 11.20 Everyday Workout 11.50 Slim Cooking 12.15pm Sally Jessy Raphael 1.05 Star Time 1.10 Search for Tomorrow 1.35 The Edge of Night 2.00 Divorce Court 2.25 Lifestyle Plus 2.35 Country Ways 3.05 Rafferty's Rules 3.55 Tea Break 4.05 Phyllis 4.35 Great American Gameshows 6.00 Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme 8.00 Close 10.00 Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme 12.00 Satellite Jukebox

### THE MOVIE CHANNEL

● Via the Marcopolo satellite.
1.50pm Here Comes the Groom (1951): Bing Crosby conspires to keep his former fiancée (Jane Wyman) from marrying
3.45 The Movie Show
4.15 High, Wild and Free (1985): The changing seasons and their effects on the animals of Canada's New British Columbia
6.00 Virgin Island (1959): A young girl meets an American writer/student on the Virgin Islands. Starring Sidney Poitier
7.30 The Movie Show
8.00 They Call Me Mr Tibbs (1970): Sequel to *In the Heat of the Night*. Virgil Tibbs (Sidney Poitier) investigates a murder in which a friend is implicated
10.00 Lady Beware (1987): A designer's exotic window displays invite the unwanted attentions of a psychopath
11.55 Betrayed (1988): When an FBI agent (Debra Winger) goes undercover, she becomes romantically involved with the prime suspect (Tom Berenger)
2.00am Real Men (1988): A CIA agent teams up with a passive insurance man to save the world in five days. Starring James Belushi and John Ritter. Ends at 3.25

### THE SPORTS CHANNEL

● Via the Marcopolo satellite.
1.30pm Racing Today 2.00 ATP Tennis from Rotterdam 4.00 NHL Ice Hockey 5.00 Waterskiing 6.00 Rodeo 7.00 Sportstalk 7.30 Motor World 8.00 Live Snooker: Matchroom League 10.30 This is the Sports Channel 11.30 Racing Today 12.00 Matchroom League Snooker

### THE POWER STATION

● Via the Marcopolo satellite.
7.00am Twenty-one hours of rock and pop

## RADIO 3

6.35-6.55am Open University (FM only)
6.55 Weather; News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Albinoni, arr Giegling (Oboe Concerto: Heinz Holliger; I Musici); Tosti (La Serenata: José Carreras; ECO under Müller); Brahms, orch Dvořák (Hungarian dances, Nos 17-21: Vienna PO) 7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Gershwin (Overture, Strike up the Band: Buffalo PO); Trad, arr Hunsberger (Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child: Eastman Wind Ensemble); Copland (Clarinet Concerto: Benny Goodman; Columbia SO); Dvořák (Symphonic poem, The Water Goblin: SNO) 8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: Debussy (Berceuse héroïque; En blanc et noir; Noël des enfants qui n'ont plus de maisons; Etudes, Book 2 Nos 7-9; Pastorale, Sonata for flute, viola and harp; Violin Sonata)
9.35 La Serenissima: Music and readings inspired by Venice. Johann Strauss, son (Overture, Eine Nacht in Venedig: Philharmonia); Reynaldo Hahn (Venezia); Gounod (Venise); Massenet (Souvenir de Venise); Fauré (Barcarolle); Salieri (Sinfonia in D, Veneziana: ECO; 18th century Venetian Boat Songs); Mendelssohn (Three Songs without Words: Daniel Barenboim, piano); Jensen (Two songs, Op 50 Nos 4 and 3); Liszt (La Lugubre; Gondola No 2: Alfred Brendel, piano); Britten (Quartet No 3: Amadeus Quartet)
11.25 Concert for the British Flute Society: BBC PO under Edward Downes, with James Galway and William Bennett, flutes, perform Cimarosa (Concerto for two flutes in G); Mozart (Concerto in G, K 313). 12.05pm Alan Sykes talks to James Galway and William Bennett. 12.10 Mozart (Concerto in D, K 314); Franz Doppler (Andante and Rondo for two flutes – British premiere of orchestral version)
1.00pm News
1.05 Chamber Music from Manchester: BBC Northern Singers under Stephen Wilkinson, with Keith Swallow, piano, perform Mendelssohn (Part Songs and Songs without Words)
2.00 Opera News (r)
2.45 Mining the Archive (new series): In a recording from 1961, the Amadeus Quartet, with Clifford Curzon, piano, J. Edward Merrett, double bass, performs Schubert (Quartet in B flat, D 112; Quintet in A, The Trout, D 667)
4.15 Warlock and Anthony Scott: Ian and Jennifer Partridge, tenor and piano, with songs by Warlock and Scott (r)
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure
6.30 Benny's Boys: Geoffrey Smith introduces recordings made by the Benny Goodman Sextet 7.00 News
7.05 Third Ear
● CHOICE: Sir Norman Foster, architect of the passenger terminal at Stansted airport to be opened next week, politely bites the hand that feeds him tonight. He tells interviewer Jonathan Glancey that, while he is "fascinated" at being given 25 minutes to talk architecture, French radio recently made three hours available to architects. None the less, Sir Norman makes maximum use of every one of these 25 minutes to explain why he believes that in this and every other respect, Britain is selling its architects short, and why French mayors are so good for the business he is in
7.30 BBC PO under Valery Gergiev, with Ulf Hoelscher, violin, performs Berlioz (Overture, Benvenuto Cellini); Stravinsky (Concerto in D); Schubert (Symphony No 9 in C)
9.05 Upon Life (new series): Inquest for Blood. Three 17th century trials compiled from contemporary transcripts by Jack Emery. In January 1649, Charles I was tried for high treason at Westminster Hall
10.15 BBC Singers on Tour under Pierre Boulez, with the Ensemble Intercontemporain and soloists, perform a concert given at the Châtelet, Paris, last year. Schoenberg (Friede auf Erden, Op 13); Webern (Entflieht auf leichten Kähnen, Op 2); Boulez (cummings ist der Dichter); Stravinsky (Les Noces)
11.30 News
11.35-12.35am Composers of the Week: Bridge (r)
1.00-2.25 Night School (FM only) (except in Scotland)

## RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing; Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day (s) 6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55, 8.30, 8.58 Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Desert Island Discs: Sue Lawley's castaway is Sir Denis Forman (s) (r)
9.45 Uncle Mort's South Country: A Night on the Town. The second of four excursions by Peter Tinniswood (s) (r)
10.00 News; Special Assignment
10.30 Morning Story: An Academic Matter, by Maeve Kennedy. Read by Barry McGovern
10.45 Daily Service
11.00 News; When the Gods Return
● CHOICE: To describe John Theocharis's documentary as an account of the transformation of two Buddhist monks into mountain gods is like describing a coronation as the trying on of a new hat — true in essence, but over-simplified. To experience this weird and wonderful ceremony, psychologist John Crook and journalist Tim Malyon visited Ladakh, an enclave of Tibetan culture in the northwest corner of India. So well do the journalistic gifts of the one complement the psychological understanding of the other that, even when we learn that one former god has turned trainee taxi-driver, we are disinclined to scoff
11.47 Folk on 4: That's Entertainment. The fifth of six programmes in the company of people who enjoy themselves (s)
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm The Food Programme: The Sandwich Economy. Whether it is pastrami on rye or cheese and pickle, it is big business 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping
2.00 News; Woman's Hour: From Edinburgh. Includes a report on an innovative job-shadowing scheme; and a look at the various therapeutic uses of music
3.00 News; Classic Serial: The Forsyte Saga. The final part of John Galsworthy's classic saga (s) (r)
4.00 News
4.05 Three Fantastic Tales by Hoffman: Nutcracker and the Mouse King, dramatised by Christopher Cook. At the stroke of midnight on Christmas Eve, Godfather Drosselmeyer's (Daniel Massey) toys come to life and fight a battle with the evil seven-headed Mouse King (Timothy Bateson)
4.30 Kaleidoscope: Includes a review of the new exhibition of Russian Art at the Hayward Gallery; Bill Nicholson talks about his new play, *Map of the Heart*, at the Globe Theatre; and John Bratby reveals the genre of the kitchen sink artist (s)
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial Report
6.30 Going Places: Janet Trewin presents the transport and travel magazine
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week, with Margaret Howard (s)
8.05 Any Questions? Nick Clarke is joined in Whittlesey, Cambridgeshire, by David Blunkett, MP, Labour party spokesman on local government; Kenneth Clarke, MP, education and science secretary; Baroness Warnock, mistress of Girton college, Cambridge; and journalist Anthony Sampson
8.50 Law in Action: The last in the series in which Marcel Berlins looks at weekly developments in the law
9.15 Kaleidoscope: Introducing music to children (s) (r)
9.45 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight (s)
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: The Secret Pilgrim, by John le Carré (final part)
11.00 Week Ending: A satirical review of the week's news (s)
11.25 The Financial Week (s)
11.45 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.33am News, incl 12.20 Weather 12.33 Shipping

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## RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. 5.00am Gary King 6.30 Simon Mayo 9.00 Simon Bates 12.30pm Newsbeat 12.45 Gary Davies 3.00 Steve Wright in the Afternoon 5.30 News '91 6.00 Round Table 7.30 The Essential Selection with Pete Tong 10.00 The Friday Rock Show with Tommy Vance 12.00-2.00am Andy Peebles Soul Train

## RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 4.00am Alex Lester: The Early Show 6.00 Ken Bruce 7.30 Ellen Jameson stands in for her husband Derek on International Women's Day 9.30 Katie Boyle 11.00 Anne Robinson 1.05pm Barbara Cartland 2.00 Gloria Hunniford, incl at 2.10-2.25 Take 2! with Sheila Tracy 4.00 Debbie Thrower 5.05 Sarah Kennedy 7.00 My Music: Steve Race chairs the musical panel game 7.30 Friday Night is Music Night 8.45 Bill Le Sage at the piano 9.00 Listen to the Band 10.00 Radio 2 Arts Programme 12.05am Jazz Parade 12.35 Len Jackson with Night Ride 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music

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6.00am World Service: Newsdesk 6.30 Morning Edition 9.00 Schools 10.25 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 for toddlers 10.40 This Family Business, incl 11.00 Sport 12.00 News; Sport 12.30pm Mike's Secret Mike (r) 1.00 Sport 1.05 As Radio 3 2.00 Sport 2.05 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 (broadcast at 10.25am) 2.30 World Service: Meridian Books 3.00 Sport 3.05 Outlook 3.30 Focus on Faith 4.00 Sport 4.05 Caribbean Magazine 4.35 Five Aside 7.20 When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit: Rosemary Leach reads the final part of Judith Kerr's best-selling novel 7.35 Mission Investigates: Genetic Engineering 8.00 Afro-Pop 9.00 Mike's Secret Mike: Otiz Cannelloni chairs the alternative comedy espionage panel game 9.30 Rave, incl 10.00, 11.00 Sport 11.08 World Service: Worldbrief 11.23 From the Weeklies 11.38 The World Today 11.53 Words of Faith 11.58-12.05am Sport

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| VS 23 | Ch. Canu (Côtes de Bourg) | 1981 | 78.00 | 60 |
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# Italy tells Albanian refugees to go home

By A Special Correspondent

Jumping ship: Albanian refugees leaping on to the quay at Brindisi after ships broke through a blockade to put into this Italian port yesterday

THREE Albanian ships broke through a blockade outside the southern Italian port of Brindisi yesterday and landed 7,000 refugees. Within hours the Italian government announced that they would be sent back, but thousands more were already on their way. A ship with 5,000 on board was 30 miles off the coast and a flotilla of smaller vessels continued to cross the Adriatic.

The three ships which entered the port defied orders to remain anchored outside while ministers held an emergency meeting in Rome on how to react to the human tide escaping from Albania's political and economic collapse. Claudio Martelli, deputy prime minister, said later the government had decided to "close the tap". But Rome faces huge problems in enforcing its decision.

In probably the biggest maritime exodus since thousands fled from southern Vietnam in 1979, about 20,000 further Albanians were understood to be either preparing to board ships or already on their way. In the past ten days 3,688 people had already made the crossing. Thousands more besieged western embassies in Tirana seeking visas. Reports in Italy said one person died and ten were injured in clashes outside the embassies.

Albania declared its main port a military zone yesterday and banned mass gatherings in Tirana and three other towns, Durres, Vlore and Shengjin. In what amounted to a partial state of emergency, a government communiqué carried by the ATA news agency said Durres, where most refugees embarked after storming aboard ships, was now a military zone. It said the army would control access to the port and ensure that shipping operated normally.

A British ship went to help 350 Albanian refugees on board a damaged ship off the Italian coast, the Ministry of Defence said. The Royal Auxiliary Fleet Olmeda, with a crew of 88, received a call requesting medical assistance from the Albanian ship Puvrischi. The Albanian ship was reported in international waters 35 miles from Brindisi. A radio message said there had been a fire and some of the passengers were injured, the ministry spokesman said.

After a night of anxiety aboard two ships anchored off Brindisi, the mood turned to desperation. Officials were unable to stop the freighters Liriya (Liberty) and Tirana docking. Police were overwhelmed by Albanians scrambling over the gunwhales and running onto the wharves. Attempts to control them broke down, but as few spoke Italian and most had no money they were thought unlikely to move far from the port. Later a fishing boat arrived with a further 500 refugees.

A young Albanian said: "We have not eaten or slept for two days." He said that before boarding the ships they were assured that Germany, France and other European countries would share the burden with Italy.

The Albanians had anticipated a decision to send them back but hoped to pre-empt by landing before it was announced. All those arriving will now be considered for refugee status, though few are likely to qualify.

Earlier Pio Mastrabulni, chief government spokesman, said the government would not treat those who left for economic rather political reasons as refugees. Rome's strategy is to contain the flood by helping Albania economically, and it has already promised £5 million in food aid.

## Political sketch

# Mr Speaker ducks the auto-tributes

PERHAPS nobody in the world knows better than Mr Speaker how prone are MPs, at the drop of a platitude, to blow themselves into a gale of windy rhetoric. Any MP worthy of the title is ready at the slightest notice to dip into the inexhaustible well of sententiousness that lies beneath the Commons. Any excuse will do: a terrible railway accident; a victory in the Eurovision song contest; the outbreak of war, or scabies . . .

. . . Or even the retirement of Mr Speaker. Jack Weatherill knows, if anyone knows, the tributes and regrets which will at once flow unchecked from the bottom of what passes as politicians' hearts. He knows there will be no way of telling from the words themselves, which are sincere. When the word "tribute" occurs twice or more at Westminster, you might as well go home. MPs are on auto-tribute. All is lost.

So if, over the years, he has wearied of the same words, the same vapid sentiments, the same pious regards, every time a Boeing 747, a cormorant, or a sparrow, falls; every time a train, or a Barlow Clowes, crashes; and whenever a prime minister, or a tower-block, crumbles... then you should not suppose that Jack Weatherill's idea of fun is to hear them all over again, even if it is to him that they are now directed.

It was not surprising therefore, that he yesterday eschewed all ceremony, left the Leader of the House to mention that their Speaker is to retire at the next election, and tapped his Order Paper tetchily on the arm of his oak throne, as a string of MPs launched into their personal tributes.

Could there be, asked the Father of the House, Sir Bernard Braine, "a very special moment" dedicated to tributes? Perhaps wishing that it could indeed be a moment, Mr Speaker confined himself to a restrained: "I'm very grateful but I think we should now get back to the business for next week."

Time will be found for this, said the House Leader. It is to be hoped that when it is, MPs on auto-tribute will remember that at the retirement of a Speaker you do not "congratulate the emergency services," nor does your "heart go out" to the bereaved. For his part, Mr Weatherill will know which of those bearing tributes once wielded knives.

My own view is that if you are a kid in a remedial class in a rough comprehensive – looking to your class teacher as the fount of authority – then it is easy to forget how delicate is your teacher's position. Why, you wonder, does he not *discipline* the rowdier elements the moment they threaten order? Why does he brook even the hint of disrespect?

What you overlook is that the teacher has scant means of ultimate enforcement. Some of it is bluff; some of it is harnessing the natural obedience of a majority against the truculence of the minority. He is not so *much* a magistrate, outside the class, as a diplomat – part of it, and trying to keep everyone on board. This Speaker did keep everyone on board; and did so over a period when the opposition parties came quite close to despair, elements could easily have rebelled against the Westminster system, and nobody would have known what to do.

Mr Weatherill's instinct has been – in the phrase now famous – to go the extra mile with troublemakers. The result has been that no Labour rebel has ever had a valid cause of any importance against this "Tory" Speaker. His speakership is distinguished not by the little scraps which did occur, but the constitutional bust-up which never quite did.

Matthew Parris

# Delors urges EC defence policy

Continued from page 1

pot for a European defence embedded in the community, the second pillar of the Atlantic Alliance.

He favoured the second option. A lengthy process must be set in train to integrate the WEU and its functioning into the community. This included not only what had been achieved up to now, but future plans such as the formation of multinational forces or intervention units.

Denmark, Greece and Ireland, the three EC states which are not members of the WEU, should have time to consider their situation. M Delors went on: "The new treaty should allow for common defence issues to be dealt with by the European Council and by joint councils of foreign and defence ministers. Little by little a framework for decision-making and action would be set up between the community and WEU. At the same time a new Atlantic alliance with redefined aims and new resources would come into being." Unlike his proposals for majority voting in making common foreign policy, M Delors said a common defence policy would require unanimity. Any state could opt out, however, and request to be released from the obligations of such decisions.

M Delors was the guest of John Major at a Downing Street dinner. He had lunch with Norman Lamont, the chancellor, and met Douglas Hurd, foreign secretary.

# Priceless gems kept from Iraqi looters

By Nicholas Watt

A BRITISH woman managed to hide her private collection of priceless Arabic jewellery from Iraqi soldiers in Kuwait until the day before the ground war, and when troops finally turned up she managed to fool them into believing the collection was of little value.

Jehan Rajat, who is married to a Kuwaiti, told ITN that every day after the Iraqi invasion last August she and her son, Nadr, watched anxiously to see if troops would confiscate the collection from the basement of their house in Kuwait City. The private museum contains jewellery from every Arab country and spans ten centuries.

The Rajat family became particularly anxious after troops looted Kuwait's university and the National Museum. In order to trick the Iraqis they moved a museum sign from the front of their house and put up false walls to hide the most valuable jewellery in a secret room.

At the end of February Iraqi troops finally arrived and Mrs Rajat described the moment to ITN: "Nadr said: 'Oh my God, there is an army inspection. I looked out of the window and suddenly we both realised it was not just an area inspection. It was specially for us. They blocked off the whole road and had a big car with a machinegun on top." Her son added: "I came downstairs. I opened the door and the minute I did that there was a gun at my head. All 20 soldiers poured in with machineguns." They beat him up to force him to open the museum and spent an hour-and-a-half searching the house, but the Rajats managed to fool them into believing that a gold necklace with diamonds was brass.

The troops also missed priceless copies of the Koran hidden behind the false panels. Mrs Rajat was terrified the soldiers would return the following day, but by then they were preoccupied with the ground war.

## SATURDAY REVIEW

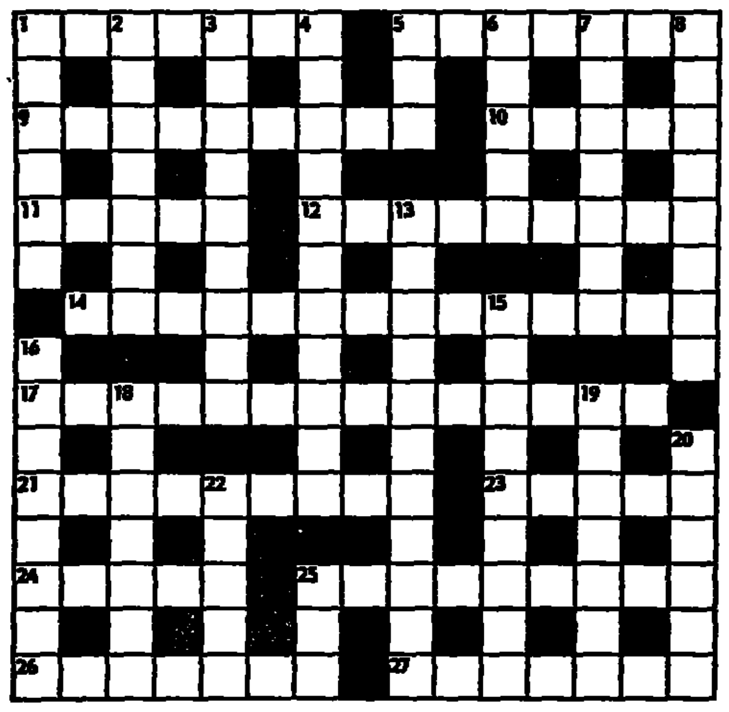
### The meaning of terror

The London station bombings have once again brought the word terrorist into the spotlight. But what is terror? Conor Gearty examines confused definitions and the key differences between terrorism and criminality, differences that affect public attitudes in crucial ways

### Two Poles and a Palin

A vision in grey puffs along a north London pavement, elbows high, tracksuit flapping: a Chaplinesque effect, all splayed feet and swaying body. This must be Michael Palin, who stops running for long enough to talk of walking from Pole to Pole and other modest ventures

## THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,548



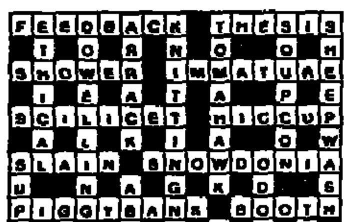
**ACROSS**

1 One of the pack, like Romulus or Remus according to legend (4,3).
5 Agrees to be transported in a ship (7).
9 Constituent has firm member, one not without heart (9).
10 Country game run by a novice (5).
11 Wear a gun in the East End initially (5).
12 Bribe the directorate – it's where the controls are (9).
14 In paint, artist captures a leading soldier (6-8).
17 Just the thing for a water bed? (6,8).
21 Camp followers put boy to the sword (7-2).
23 A laundry is flooded (5).
24 Finally agreed debtor needs smaller sort of house (5).
25 Remove water from drain (9).
26 Costumes, etc, for a forthcoming production (7).
27 Screen has red rose design (7).

**DOWN**

1 Like a candle base (6).
2 Explosive noise in large motor car in river (7).
3 The end of broadcasting near Watership (5-4).
4 What's left behind by the loafer? Money, gosh! (11).
5 A golden measure indeed! (3).
6 Clean scratch (5).
7 Verse in Narnia represented the highest happiness (7).
8 Compactness makes soil tidy (8).
13 The only hope for securing the bed clothes? (5-6).
15 New gardener receives marigold seed to plant (9).
16 Flower shop led a fashion (8).
18 Fugitive may use this if disheartened (7).
19 Main hospital room is outlandish, might one say? (7).
20 Encourages health (6).
22 Bird that helped to save Gretel (5).
25 Just in arrears (3).

**Solution to Puzzle No 18,547**



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## WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

**INSPISSATE**
a. Trefoil-shaped
b. Unable to talk
c. To thicken

**KINCHIN**
a. A child
b. A Chinese language
c. A protruding chin

**SHEATFISH**
a. A pitchfork
b. A big fish
c. To fish for compliments

**DITTANY**
a. A dialogue poem
b. An aromatic plant
c. Perjury in Scots Law

*Answers on page 20*

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## WEATHER

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### ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder d=drizzle fg=fog s=sun; sl=sleet, sn=snow, f=fair c=cloud r=rain

| | C | F | | | C | F | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ajaccio | 23 | 73 | c | Majorca | 19 | 66 | c |
| Akrotiri | 17 | 63 | s | Malaga | 13 | 55 | r |
| Alex'dria | 18 | 64 | c | Malta | 19 | 66 | s |
| Algiers | 25 | 77 | f | Melb'rne | 40 | 104 | s |
| Amst'dm | 16 | 61 | f | Mexico C* | 26 | 79 | s |
| Athens | 18 | 64 | s | Miami* | 25 | 77 | s |
| Barbads* | 29 | 84 | f | Milan | 9 | 48 | c |
| Barcelna | 13 | 55 | c | Montreal* | 4 | 39 | s |
| Belgrade | 14 | 57 | s | Moscow | -2 | 28 | s |
| Berlin | 9 | 48 | s | Munich | 11 | 52 | s |
| Bermuda* | 21 | 70 | c | Naples | 20 | 68 | c |
| Biarritz | 11 | 52 | r | N Delhi | 23 | 73 | s |
| Borde'x | 17 | 63 | c | N York* | 13 | 55 | f |
| Brussels | 15 | 59 | f | Nice | 15 | 59 | r |
| Budapst | 4 | 39 | c | Oslo | 1 | 34 | sn |
| B Aires* | 31 | 88 | s | Paris | 16 | 61 | s |
| Cairo | 19 | 66 | s | Peking | 1 | 34 | c |
| Cape Tn | 26 | 79 | s | Perth | 24 | 75 | f |
| C'blanca | 13 | 55 | c | Prague | 6 | 43 | c |
| Chicago* | 3 | 37 | c | Reykjavik | 1 | 34 | s |
| Ch'church | 15 | 59 | c | Rhodes | 17 | 63 | s |
| Cologne | 12 | 54 | c | Rio de J | 30 | 86 | s |
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| Corfu | 15 | 59 | f | Salzburg | 14 | 57 | s |
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| Faro | 11 | 52 | r | Seoul | 7 | 45 | c |
| Florence | 17 | 63 | f | Sing'por | 32 | 90 | f |
| Frankfurt | 11 | 52 | f | St'kholm | 2 | 36 | c |
| Funchal | 17 | 63 | f | Strasb'rg | 12 | 54 | f |
| Geneva | 13 | 55 | c | Sydney | 27 | 81 | s |
| Gibraltar | 14 | 57 | r | Tangier | 11 | 52 | r |
| Helsinki | 1 | 34 | f | Tel Aviv | 15 | 59 | c |
| Hong K | 23 | 73 | c | Tenerife | 17 | 63 | d |
| Innsbrck | 16 | 61 | f | Tokyo | 16 | 61 | f |
| Istanbul | 6 | 43 | c | Toronto* | 5 | 41 | r |
| Jo'burg* | 25 | 77 | f | Tunis | 20 | 68 | c |
| Karachi | 27 | 81 | s | Valencia | 15 | 59 | r |
| L Palmas | 18 | 64 | c | Vanc'ver* | 4 | 39 | c |
| Le Touqt | 15 | 59 | f | Venice | 12 | 54 | c |
| Lisbon | 11 | 52 | h | Vienna | 4 | 39 | d |
| Locarno | 9 | 48 | r | Warsaw | 4 | 39 | s |
| L Angels* | 15 | 59 | s | Wash'ton* | 15 | 59 | c |
| Luxembg | 13 | 55 | c | Wel'ngton | 15 | 59 | c |
| Luxor | 24 | 75 | s | Zurich | 15 | 59 | c |
| Madrid | 10 | 50 | f | | | | |

* denotes figures are latest available

| | Sun hrs | Rain in | Max C | Max F | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Aberdeen | - | - | 7 | 45 | fog |
| Anglesey | 0.9 | .12 | 11 | 52 | rain |
| Belfast | - | .03 | 9 | 48 | rain |
| Birmingham | - | .17 | 12 | 54 | rain |
| Bognor Regis | 1.9 | .30 | 12 | 54 | rain |
| Bournemouth | 0.8 | .21 | 12 | 54 | shower |
| Brighton | 2.0 | .22 | 14 | 57 | bright |
| Bristol | 0.1 | .06 | 13 | 55 | rain |
| Cardiff | - | .09 | 11 | 52 | rain |
| Clacton | 3.0 | .21 | 9 | 48 | bright |
| Edinburgh | - | - | 7 | 45 | fog |
| Exmouth | - | .24 | 9 | 48 | rain |
| Falmouth | - | .17 | 11 | 52 | rain |
| Folkestone | 5.4 | .09 | 14 | 57 | bright |
| Glasgow | 0.1 | - | 9 | 48 | dull |
| Hastings | 3.0 | .16 | 13 | 55 | bright |
| Jersey | 0.1 | .02 | 13 | 55 | rain |
| Kinloss | 9.4 | - | 9 | 48 | sunny |
| Leeds | 0.7 | .07 | 9 | 48 | rain |
| Littlehampton | 1.9 | .28 | 14 | 57 | bright |
| London | 1.0 | .24 | 14 | 57 | cloudy |
| Lowestoft | 2.3 | .16 | 8 | 46 | sunny |
| Manchester | 0.3 | .04 | 11 | 52 | rain |
| Morecambe | - | .10 | 10 | 50 | shower |
| Newcastle | - | .03 | 7 | 45 | rain |
| Nottingham | - | .24 | 10 | 50 | rain |
| Penzance | - | .14 | 11 | 52 | gale |
| Plymouth | 0.2 | | x | x | xrain |
| Poole | 1.4 | .20 | 13 | 55 | rain |
| Scilly Isles | - | .07 | 10 | 50 | rain |
| Shanklin | 0.1 | .28 | 8 | 46 | rain |
| Southend | 0.2 | .18 | 12 | 54 | rain |
| Southsea | 1.8 | .37 | 13 | 55 | rain |
| Stornoway | 4.9 | - | 10 | 50 | sunny |
| Teignmouth | 0.7 | .34 | 9 | 48 | rain |
| Tiree | 9.3 | - | 11 | 52 | sunny |
| Torquay | 0.4 | .30 | 10 | 50 | rain |
| Wick | 8.4 | - | 9 | 48 | sunny |
| Worthing | 1.8 | .25 | 13 | 55 | cloudy |

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| Greece Dr | 328 | 308 |
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### GLASGOW

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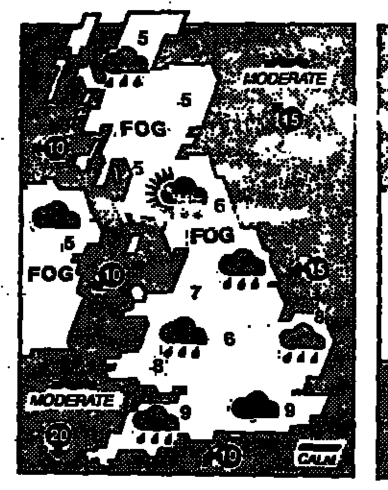

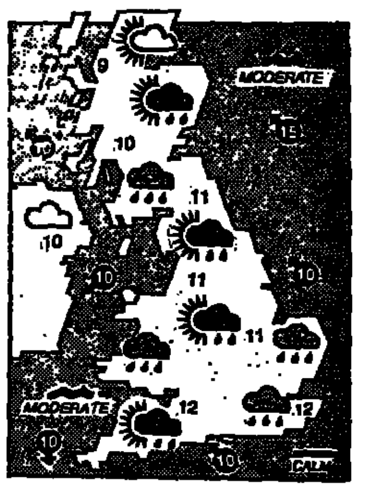

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### LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 5.52 pm to 6.30 am
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Penzance 6.15 pm to 6.50 am

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Sun rises: 6.32 am
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Last quarter 10.32 am

### HIGH TIDES

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| Avonmouth | 11.16 | 10.6 | 11.33 | 9.8 |
| Belfast | 3.49 | 3.0 | 4.30 | 2.9 |
| Cardiff | 11.01 | 9.5 | 11.18 | 9.1 |
| Devonport | 9.52 | 4.5 | 10.28 | 4.4 |
| Dover | 3.19 | 5.5 | 3.45 | 5.2 |
| Falmouth | 9.22 | 4.3 | 9.58 | 4.2 |
| Glasgow | 5.07 | 4.0 | 5.19 | 3.9 |
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| Holyhead | 2.46 | 4.5 | 3.18 | 4.2 |
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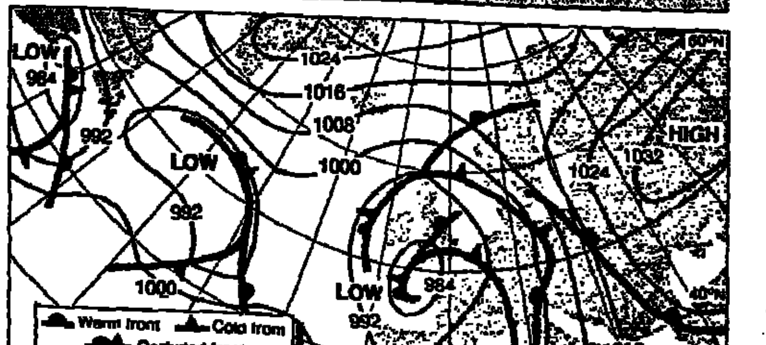

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# BUSINESS

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FRIDAY MARCH 8 1991

## Lloyd's capacity rises to record

By Jonathan Prynn

TOTAL underwriting capacity at Lloyd's has increased by 3 per cent to a record £11.4 billion for the 1991 year of account. However, membership has again fallen, with resignations outnumbering new elections last year by 2,202.

A total of 26,568 members are participating in the market this year, compared with 28,770 last year. But Alan Lord, the chief executive, said that a higher proportion of those members remaining were increasing their underwriting capacity. He said: "The biggest sign of confidence in Lloyd's is the existing name who increases his limit."

The average total capacity per member increased by 11 per cent to £429,000 for the 1991 year.

A total of 354 syndicates are operating in Lloyd's this year compared with 401 in 1990. Of the 58 syndicates ceasing business, about 40 merged with other syndicates. However, a number of syndicates, particularly those specialising in excess of loss business, have gone out of business altogether after the spate of catastrophes in recent years.

David Coleridge, the chairman of Lloyd's, has predicted that mergers will reduce the number of syndicates to about 150 by the mid Nineties.

Mr Lord said that Lloyd's continues to operate at about two-thirds of capacity, reflecting the downturn in the insurance cycle and the weak dollar. About 70 per cent of business is written in dollars. There was "no doubt" that the insurance cycle had bottomed out, he said, adding that the upturn would be established within six months.

Sudden movements in the dollar/sterling exchange rate, combined with increasing premium rates, could result in sharp increases in operating levels. However, he did not anticipate problems with premium limits this year.

When the upturn did come, Mr Lord said, it would be "longer and firmer" than the previous equivalent phase of the insurance cycle in 1986 and 1987.

## Rolls falls 24% after £50m of provisions

By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor

ROLLS-ROYCE, the aero-engine and power generation group, has joined a fast-growing list of leading British manufacturers providing for heavy job losses and restructuring to cope with the recession and the strength of sterling.

Rolls has provided £50 million against its 1990 profits to pay for the restructuring and to allow for difficulties among American airline customers that might not be able to pay for their orders. Jobs losses already announced total 3,000 and could be achieved through natural wastage but Sir Ralph Robins, the chief executive, made it clear that the provision covered further cuts.

Last week, British Aerospace said that many more jobs would have to be shed, above some 5,000 already announced, in its civil and military aircraft and Rover car operations. Rover laid off a further 120 people at its plant in Swindon, Wiltshire yesterday.

ICI provided £300 million against 1990 profits for restructuring and job losses, including some already announced. On Wednesday, GKN provided £13 million against 1990 profits and said a further 1,000 jobs would go this year.

Lord Tombs of Brailes, chairman of Rolls-Royce, said the strength of sterling was a continuing problem for exporters like Rolls, especially because inflation remained higher than abroad. On average, Rolls benefited from hedging and currency movements last year but Lord Tombs said 1991 profits would suffer unless sterling continued to retreat from its peak near $2.

"We need the dollar up," he said. Engines and spares for civil aircraft are sold in dollars and Rolls' two main competitors are American. One of these, Pratt & Whitney, said yesterday that it was reducing planned job losses because of a resurgence of orders.

The provisions at Rolls-Royce were higher than the market expected. They were mainly responsible for a 24 per cent drop in pre-tax profits to £176 million. Rolls is paying an unchanged final dividend, making a 4 per cent rise to 7.25p for the year.

Excluding the provision, profits fell by 5 per cent to £226 million. This was partly because of a £76 million increase in research and development spending to £237 million. Lord Tombs said this was likely to be a peak, to pay for development of the big Trent engine and to extend the range of modern engines to cover all main aircraft types.

The fall in airline traffic after the invasion of Kuwait also led to a sharp fall in demand for engine spares in the final quarter, which has continued into 1991. Lord Tombs said the loss or delay in this high-margin business had a substantial effect on profits.

The results caused disappointment on the stock market, where many analysts had expected Rolls to announce profits of about £240 million. Rolls shares fell 17p to 158p.

Lord Tombs said that this year would be difficult but that the underlying performance of Rolls-Royce was satisfactory and that the group hoped to take advantage of new industrial power markets.

NEI, the power and engineering subsidiary, which still has its own preference shares, increased profits after exceptional items from £3.8 million to £27.9 million. NEI is included in Rolls results for a full year instead of 7½ months and accounted for much of the 24 per cent increase in turnover to £3.67 billion.

Including some previous Rolls businesses, power engineering made £82 million of the £183 million group profits before interest. Terry Harrison, head of the division, said the power engineering market had improved dramatically in the past 18 months and two orders had been won for combined cycle gas power plants.

Rolls' firm order books totalled £5.7 billion, including £1 billion at NEI. So far, engine orders for only nine aircraft had been deferred. The group has orders for 826 civil and 170 military engines. Rolls has increased its share of the civil aircraft engine market to about 20 per cent and aims to increase the civil side from 60 to 70 per cent of aero engine sales.

The provisions are against orders and deliveries to two American airlines operating under Chapter 11 bankruptcy rules.

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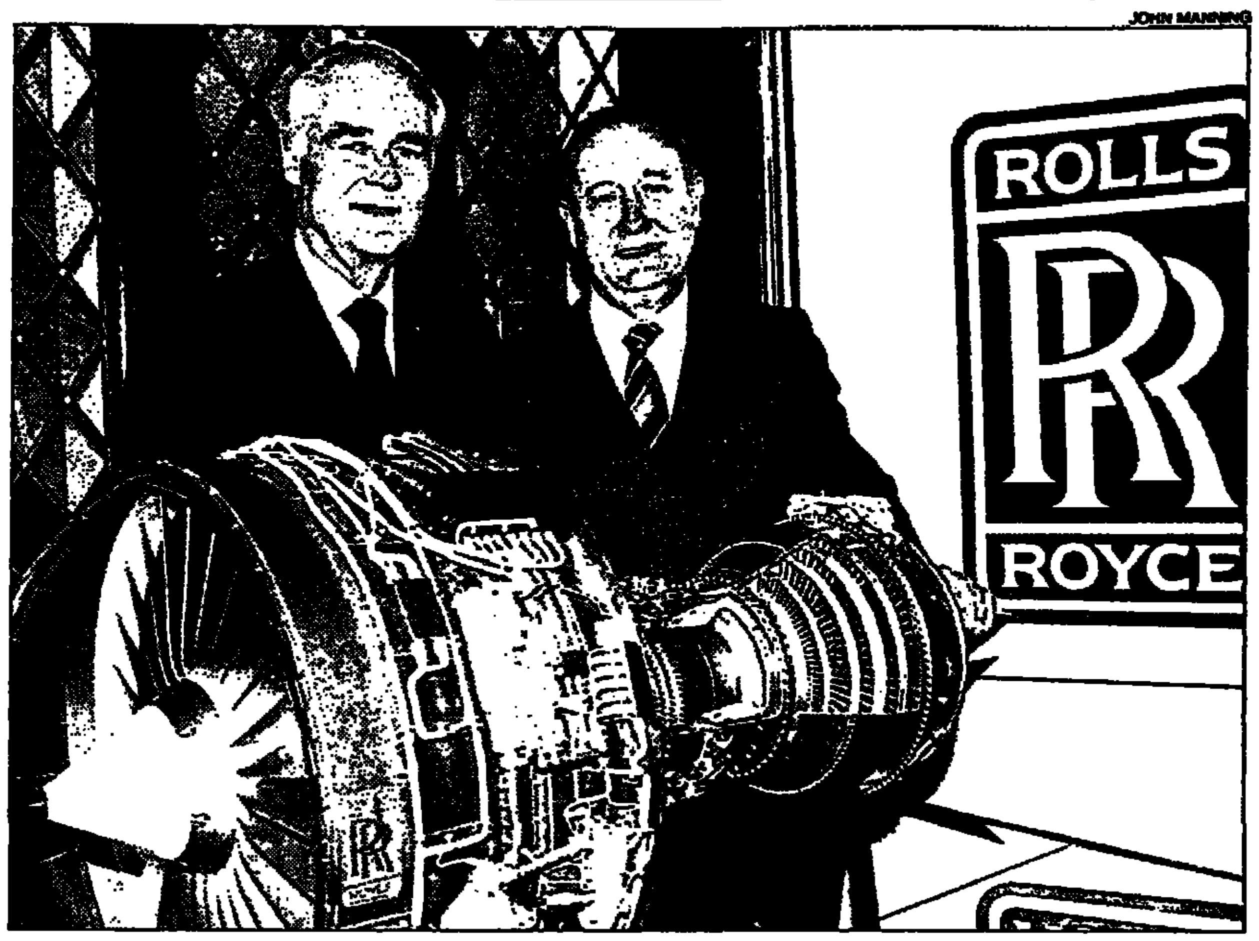


Restructuring to beat the recession: Sir Ralph Robins, Rolls chief executive (left) and Lord Tombs, chairman

## WPP cancels payout as profits rise 20%

By Neil Bennett, Banking Correspondent

WPP, the international advertising group, has cancelled its dividend for 1990 as part of its $800 million refinancing plans, despite a 20 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £90 million. Profits were £20 million below earlier City forecasts because of a downturn in revenue in the last three months of the year.

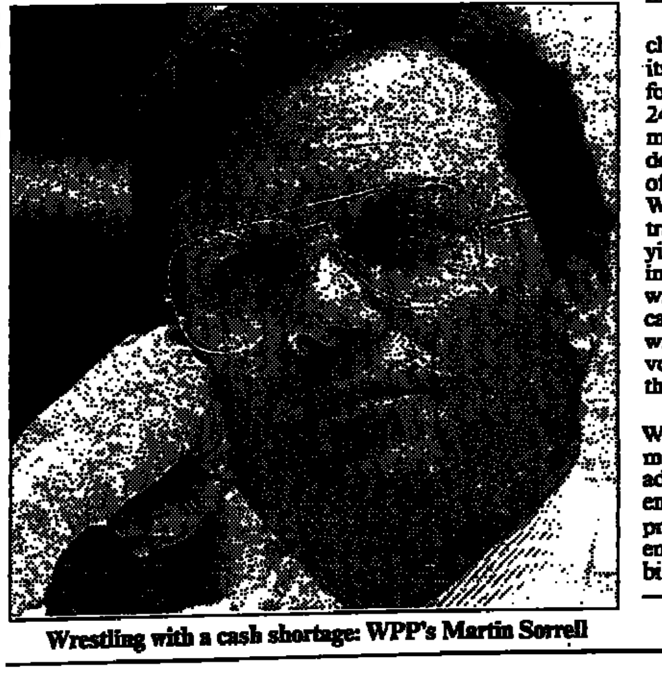
The group is likely to cancel its preference dividend next month, to save an additional £8.9 million. Martin Sorrell, the chief executive, said the refinancing was in its final stages. The proposals are being sent to the company's 30 banks, many of which have already agreed to the new terms. These include the issue of shadow options to the banks, which they can cash in as the share price recovers.

WPP's shares slumped last November after it said its profits would not match forecasts, and that it was talking to its bankers about possible breach in its debt covenants.

The refinancing is centred on a new seven-year loan of about $800 million. This will replace the group's existing $400 million term loan and $400 million in uncommitted facilities and working capital requirements. The refinancing will prevent WPP breaking its loan covenants. The current facility states that WPP's operating profits must be 2.8 times the size of its interest charges. The new loan reduces the required cover to about two times. The loan has a flexible repayment schedule, but its interest rate is 0.5 per cent higher than the existing facility — costing WPP $4 million more a year.

WPP is suffering from a chronic cash shortage due to its heavy debts, and has been forced to cancel its dividend, 24.2p last year, to save £9.9 million. The group had net debt of £297 million at the end of the year, down 9 per cent. WPP's preference shares are trading at 34p, on a notional yield of 32 per cent, since investors expect the group will withhold their dividend. The cancellation of the dividend will give the preference shares voting rights, and control of the company.

Mr Sorrell said none of WPP's advertising businesses, met profit targets. The fall in advertising had reduced revenue by £40 million and profits by £20 million. Revenues rose 24 per cent to £5.46 billion.



Wrestling with a cash shortage: WPP's Martin Sorrell

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## Capitalised interest helps lift Ladbroke

By Matthew Bond

LADBROKE, the property and leisure group, added £82.8 million of capitalised interest to the cost of its new property and hotel developments last year, despite falling property values.

Only £60.3 million of interest was taken through the profit and loss account, enabling the group to report a modest rise in pre-tax profit to £305.6 million (£302.2 million). Operating profits rose from £353.5 million to £365.9 million.

Cyril Stein, the Ladbroke chairman, said: "What we do is what the whole of the property industry does, with the exception of Land Securities and now Great Portland Estates. It would stop the whole of the property and building industry if companies were not able to capitalise interest."

However, Ladbroke was not immune from falling property values. A revaluation of the investment portfolio resulted in a provision of £98.7 million taken through the revaluation reserve. A fall of £8.1 million in the value of the company's dealing properties was charged to the profit and loss account.

Mr Stein said the diversity of Ladbroke's property portfolio meant there was no inconsistency in adding to the cost of development properties, by capitalising interest, when the value of other properties had fallen. However, the situation could change this year. He pointed out that interest on two properties in America was already being taken through the profit and loss account.

*Ladbroke's* best trading improvement came from its Hilton hotel chain, where pre-tax profits rose to £174.3 million (£167.8 million). They would have been higher but for the strength of sterling, which reduced Hilton's profit contribution by £14 million after currency conversion.

Profits from bookmaking and from the Texas DIY stores were flat. Bookmaking profits had a poor final quarter, as small race fields reduced margins, and too many favourities won.

An increased final dividend of 5.93p (5.65p) gives a total of 10.61p (9.79p).

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## Two directors to go as Kingfisher cuts management

By Gillian Bowditch

KINGFISHER, the retail group that includes B&Q, Woolworths, Comet and Superdrug, has had a management shake-up that will lead to the departure of two executive directors, Geoff Powell and Vic Steel.

The reorganisation means that Kingfisher is effectively cutting out a layer of management. Mr Steel is chairman of Superdrug and Woolworths. Mr Powell is chairman of B&Q and Comet. The managing directors of Kingfisher's divisions will now report directly to Geoff Mulcahy, the group's chairman and chief executive.

Mr Steel and Mr Powell, who will leave the group as soon as a smooth transition has been effected, will receive compensation for loss of office. Both executives have contracts with three years to run, but the level of compensation is likely to be below that. Nigel Whittaker, group corporate affairs director, said the compensation payment would be reasonable but not excessive and would be revealed in the annual report and accounts.

Mr Whittaker said that the departures bore no relation to the group's performance. The group publishes its final results on March 27 and the market is expecting pre-tax profits of about £210 million. "Nothing concerning the forthcoming results should be inferred from these changes," he said.

A new committee has been established, comprising Mr Mulcahy, Mr Whittaker and Archie Norman, group finance director, and the managing directors of B&Q, Chartwell Land, Comet, Superdrug and Woolworths.

Mr Mulcahy said: "We now feel the time is right, particularly in today's changing conditions, for our retail operating management to assume the increased responsibility of reporting on their businesses directly to the chief executive." He added that Mr Steel and Mr Powell leave with the group's best wishes and on the friendliest terms. The only other departures will be a small number of support staff. The positions of the existing management are not expected to change.

Analysts said that they believed the restructuring would delay any acquisition that Kingfisher may have been planning. The group has been expected to make an acquisition after its bid for Dixons was blocked by the monopolies commission last year. Analysts also believe the changes may indicate a strengthening of Mr Norman's position. He is now seen as the heir-apparent to Mr Mulcahy.

Kingfisher's shares fell 5p to 440p.

## Capita has the top USM spot

By Jon Ashworth and Philip Pangalos

CAPITA, the management services group, was last night voted Unlisted Securities Market company of the year

Neville Michaelson of Colorvision, the Liverpool retailer of television and satellite systems, was voted USM entrepreneur of the year at the annual USM/PLC dinner.

Capita, headed by Rod Aldridge, last month saw pre-tax profits jump to £2.51 million (£1.52 million) in the year to end-December, on turnover of £20.1 million (£8.7 million). Only last week the company won three orders worth £3.7 million.

Much of Capita's success is due to Telecom Capita, a subsidiary that provides billing sevices for the poll tax and management of computer systems for county councils.

Sanders & Sidney, which offers counselling services for redundant executives, won the award for the best-performing USM share of 1990. The shares traded between a low of 156p and a high of 250p in 1990, and are currently at their high of 270p.

Pepe, the jeans group, won the best annual report award. Two new awards were presented to fully listed companies for the first time. The top plc company of 1990 was T&S Stores, while Robert Wade of the Leeds Group was judged plc entrepeneur of the year. The best performing plc share of 1990 was PWS Holdings, which rose 97 per cent in the year.

### Groups join forces to seek Channel 3 licence

## Border tunes into Granada for a bid

By Melinda Wittstock
Media Correspondent

BORDER Television and Granada Television have formed a separate company to bid for the Channel 3 licence that is held by Tyne Tees Television in northeastern England. Melvyn Bragg, chairman of Border, said the group planned to take a minority stake in the venture.

David Plowright, chairman of Granada Television, said Granada would own between 75 and 80 per cent of the new company, with the rest split between Border and "any other Northeast-based companies that wish to come in on it".

Mr Bragg, London Weekend's controller of arts programmes who is also involved in the LWT franchise bid, said: "We would be happy to go together, just the two of us, but someone else may come in."

Stewart Prebble, former *World In Action* editor and now head of Granada's regional programming, will be managing director of the new group. Paul Corley, Border's programme controller, will be director of programmes.

Yorkshire Television, which holds 19.07 per cent of Tyne Tees and is anxious to buy the region's franchise, was not surprised by the announcement. It is unable to apply directly for the Northeast licence as a result of government rules restricting companies from bidding for two licences in adjacent regions, although it could buy Tyne Tees in an agreed deal in January 1992.

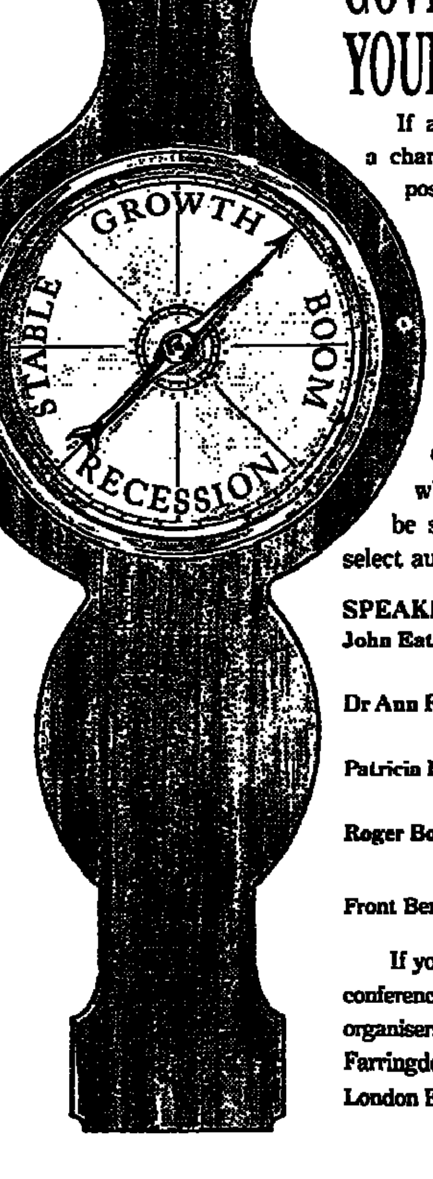
Yorkshire is involved in Tyne Tees' Channel 3 application. It has taken over Tyne Tees' advertising airtime sales, while both channels have joined to produce a news service in North Yorkshire.

Tyne Tees has also linked up with Zenith, the independent producer in which Carlton Communications, likely to bid for Thames, has a 51 per cent stake. Zenith, which makes *Inspector Morse*, Independent Television's most popular drama, and *The Paradise Club*, has entered a three-year agreement with Tyne Tees, starting with the new licences in January 1993.

☐ David Justham, aged 67, has retired as chairman of Central Independent Television as a result of ill health. Leslie Hill, the chief executive, takes on the chairmanship.

☐ Airtours, the travel group, is holding talks with Granada to buy Neilsons, its skiing operation.

☐ TVS Television yesterday announced a restructuring of senior executives, aimed at helping the group regain the Channel 3 franchise for southern England. Rudolph Agnew, chairman of TVS Entertainment, the parent company, heads the team. Tony Brook, managing director of TVS Television, becomes deputy chairman.



WILL A CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT CHANGE YOUR BUSINESS?

If a general election is called for June a change of Government is a very real possibility.

Understanding how any new economic policies might affect your company is a business necessity.

On Wednesday, April 10 at The Banqueting House, Whitehall, there is a conference on THE IMPACT OF A CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT ON INDUSTRY where several eminent speakers will be sharing their insight with a very select audience.

SPEAKERS

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| **John Eatwell** | Economic Advisor to the Rt Hon Neil Kinnock MP |
| **Dr Ann Robinson** | Head of Policy Unit — Institute of Directors |
| **Patricia Hewitt** | Deputy Director, Institute for Public Policy Research |
| **Roger Bootle** | Midland Montagu |

**Douglas Henderson MP**
Front Bench Spokesman on Trade and Industry

If you would like to reserve a ticket for the conference, ask your secretary to contact the organisers, Phoenix Plus, on (071) 833 8487 or at Farringdon House, 105/107 Farringdon Road, London EC1R 3BT. Fax — (071) 833 5726.

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US dollar
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German mark
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Exchange index
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FT 30 Share
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FT-SE 100
2437.7 (-22.2)

New York Dow Jones
2970.30 (-2.97)*

Tokyo Nikkei Avge
26397.96 (+14.97)

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RISES:

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| Harvey & Thompson | 261p (+8p) |
| BPB Ind | 236½p (+12p) |
| Ward Group | 159p (+11p) |
| ACT Group | 111½p (+11p) |
| Pifco | 297½p (+19p) |
| AG Barr | 215p (+10p) |
| Clifford Foods 'A' | 211p (+21p) |
| JW Nichols | 280p (+15p) |
| Antofagasta | 455p (+15p) |

FALLS:

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| Amersham | 378p (-13p) |
| BOC | 572½p (-10p) |
| Hambros | 265p (-16p) |
| Nat West | 326½p (-11p) |
| Meyer Int | 443p (-17p) |
| RMC Group | 728½p (-12p) |
| Redland | 654p (-11p) |
| BICC | 422½p (-12p) |
| THORN EMI | 743½p (-11p) |
| Ladbroke | 263½p (-13½p) |

Closing prices

### INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 13%
3-month interbank 12½-12$\frac{7}{16}$%
3-month eligible bills 11⅞-11$\frac{13}{16}$%
US: Prime Rate 9%
Federal Funds 6$\frac{7}{16}$%*
3-month Treasury Bills 6.07-6.05%*
30-year bonds 95$\frac{27}{32}$-95⅞*

### CURRENCIES

| London: | New York: |
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London Fixing:
AM $366.25 pm-$366.50
close $366.30-366.80 (£193.90-194.40)
New York:
Comex $367.85-368.35*

### NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Apr) ...... $19.25 bbl ($19.30)
* Denotes latest trading price

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# Ultramar initiates gas field contracts as net profit rises

By COLIN CAMPBELL

ULTRAMAR, the British oil and gas group, has initiated contracts for the ultimate £230 million development of the Markham gas field in the North Sea that in 1992 will lead to the first British gas from a North Sea field being exported to continental Europe.

The Markham gas field, of which Ultramar, with a 35 per cent stake, is operator, straddles the British/Netherlands median line, and is Ultramar's first operated offshore field development.

When the Dutch government takes up a 50 per cent stake in the Netherlands side of the Markham field, all partners' interests in the Netherlands side will halve.

Jean Gaulin, Ultramar's chief executive, said the development plan will be submitted to the British and Dutch governments soon. Sales contracts covering part of Markham's gas production have already been agreed, and other contracts will follow.

"The award of the platform contract and the commitments on gas sales and transportation represent major milestones," he said.

Ultramar plans to drill up to 40 exploration wells this year compared with 21 wells drilled in 1990.

Exploration areas include Indonesia, Britain and the North Sea, and America. Other wells are planned in Korea, Syria and Equatorial Guinea.

Yesterday, Ultramar reported 1990 net profits of £119 million compared with £102.2 million on sales revenues marginally higher at £1.76 billion.

Cashflow from operations in 1990 totalled £235.3 million (£231.6 million). Sterling's strength masks a stronger underlying performance in dollar terms.

The return on average capital invested in current earning activities increased from 11.2 per cent to 12.8 per cent. The group's aim is to achieve a 15 per cent return within five years.

Ultramar has now adopted average exchange rates for reporting results.

The final dividend is raised from 6p to 7p a share, making 10.5p (9p) for the year.

Ultramar gave a warning that the outlook in 1991 for crude oil and gas prices is uncertain, but said they are generally expected to be lower than last year. In 1990, average oil and gas prices were $23.48 ($18.03), and $3.48 ($2.76) respectively.

Ultramar shares fell 12p to 339p.

# Late rally at More O'Ferrall

By OUR CITY STAFF

A STRONG second-half recovery has taken 1990 pre-tax profits at More O'Ferrall, the advertising hoarding contractor, to £9.7 million, down 26 per cent on the previous year's profits.

Russell Gore-Andrews, the chairman, said this performance "demonstrates the fundamental strength of our business even in difficult times".

The company made only £2 million pre-tax profits in the first half.

Overall turnover advanced 8 per cent to £63.9 million. A final dividend of 10p makes an unchanged 13.2p for the year.

A reduced capital spend of £10 million and a £6 million Belgian acquisition resulted in increased gearing of 126 per cent, up from 73 per cent.

Mr Gore-Andrews said that the level of borrowings had reduced since the year end due to healthy cashflow.

The first-quarter order intake for 1991 is up on the corresponding period last year, although the forward order position "in our major areas of operation remains short term", Mr Gore-Andrews said.

# Leaner TI Group moves ahead by 15% to £128m

By MICHAEL TATE
CITY EDITOR

ADRIAN BROOKS

Going up: Christopher Lewinton, chairman of TI

TI GROUP, the international specialist engineer, reports a 15 per cent rise in pre-tax profits for 1990, from £111.5 million to £128.4 million, despite conditions that became increasingly more difficult as the year progressed.

But Christopher Lewinton, the TI chairman, gave a warning that 1991 had started slowly, particularly in Britain, although the group entered the year with order books at a similar level to last year.

TI has been transformed from a large, ill-performing British metal-basher in the Eighties to an international specialist engineering group, servicing the automotive and chemical industries.

The 1990 profit is flattered by £7.3 million of non-recurring hedging gains on foreign currencies, and £2.8 million of property disposals, but stripped of these there was still an improvement. Earnings rose by 13 per cent to 55.5p a share, and the board is recommending a 13p final dividend, making 19.5p (17.5p).

There was a net positive cashflow of £5.1 million for the year, after £36.2 million of reorganisation costs, and the group ended the year with net cash of £52 million.

Group sales dipped from £927 million to £894 million, mainly because of the sales of the APA and TI Cox automotive businesses, and also because of exchange rates, which gave a reduction of £25 million on translation. Sales of ongoing business were up by £76 million.

Mr Lewinton said relations with Mannesmann, the German engineer, have developed well. "We are seeing benefits at operating level from relevant sectors of German industry," he said. Mannesman acquired 5 per cent of TI in 1989, and has been authorised by TI to buy 9.9 per cent.

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# Institutions' last chance for power

By OUR INDUSTRIAL STAFF

INSTITUTIONS chasing shares in National Power and PowerGen, the state-owned electricity generating companies, have until 4.30pm today to make bids for 16 per cent of the shares on offer.

A "back end" tender offer for institutions was triggered after more than 1.8 million retail investors subscribed for 2.5 times the 28 per cent of the issue initially reserved for them.

The oversubscription triggered an 11 per cent increase in the volume of shares allocated to the public.

Use of the tender method should increase returns won by John Wakeham, the energy secretary, for the 60 per cent of each company being sold. Last night the 100p part-paid shares closed unchanged on the grey market, made by IG Index, the financial bookmaker, at 129p for PowerGen and 122p for National Power.

# ASH up 43% on surge in turnover

By JONATHAN PRYNN

ACQUISITIONS and full order books have helped Automated Security Holdings, the security products and systems group, to a 43 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to £33.2 million for the year to end-November.

The increase was achieved on turnover up 74 per cent to £200 million. Tom Buffet, the chairman, said the figures represented "a year of consolidation" following three acquisitions in the final quarter of 1989. Earnings growth was a more restrained 20 per cent to 21.5p, reflecting the one-for-three £53 million rights issue in 1989 to finance the acquisitions.

Interest payable during the year was £14.7 million against £4.2 million in 1989, with interest cover at four times. Year-end borrowings of £105 million (£93 million) leaves gearing at 125 per cent.

Mr Buffet said interest cover would increase to about 10 times this year, assuming an unchanged interest charge and profits, due to the degearing effects of an American preferred stock private placement and increased income from finance leases.

The company invested £18 million in capital expenditure and £18 million in finance leases for loss prevention last year.

The final dividend of 3.1p brings the total payout to 4.9p, a 15 per cent increase on the 4.25p paid in 1989. The dividend is covered 4.7 times.

The security systems division increased pre-tax profits by 111 per cent to £38 million and turnover by 79 per cent to £141.2 million. Loss prevention saw sales up 74 per cent to £58.9 million and pre-tax profits increased 25 per cent to £10.6 million. Loss prevention sales in Europe doubled last year, Mr Buffet said.

He added that the industry was proving recession-resistant as companies became become more aware of the need to preserve their profit margins.

## BUSINESS ROUNDUP

### Baynes plans to raise £9m in rights issue

SHARES in Charles Baynes, the specialist engineering and distribution group, rose 2p to 53p as it announced plans to raise £9.3 million by a rights issue. The issue will be on a one-for-five basis at 44p per share, underwritten by Robert Fleming. The proceeds will be used make acquisitions and to strengthen the balance sheet.

Baynes plans to pay £8.5 million for Truflo, a specialist engineer, and a maximum of £10 million for Fist Fast Packaging. Baynes' pre-tax profits rose 37 per cent to £5.61 million last year on turnover 30 per cent up at £53 million. The final dividend is 0.8p (0.75p), making 1.2p (1p) on earnings per share of 3.74p (3.06p).

### Vimto falls to £7.1m

JN NICHOLS (Vimto), the soft drinks and drinks vending group, suffered a fall in pre-tax profits from £8.15 million to £7.1 million last year. The previous year's figures had been boosted by a £1.56 million profit on the disposal of investments. Earnings slipped from 31.2p to 28.5p. The final dividend increased to 6.7p (6p) for an improved total of 11p (10p).

### Bid extended at Touchstone

STRATAGEM Group, the investment company that had its revised offer for Touchstone Group, the computer services company, recommended last month, now owns or has received acceptances for 79.6 per cent of Touchstone's ordinary shares and 51.4 per cent of loan stock. The offers and share sale facility have been extended until March 27.

### Housing in recession

OFFICIAL figures showed that only 12,300 dwellings were started in Britain in January, 2,000 fewer than a year earlier, as recession continued to grip the sector. Cuts in interest rates in February were not considered big enough to prompt an early revival in the housing market. The figures also show dwelling completions declining, from 16,500 in January 1990 to 15,300 this January.

### Crown sells radio stake

CROWN Communications has conditionally agreed to sell its 24 per cent stake in Southern Radio to Lord Romsey, a director of Crown, for 47½p a share, producing £3.78 million. Crown has "an amicable agreement" with BSkyB, after cessation of contracts, that includes recovery of expenses and £2.8 million for profits forgone.

### More concern for Pochin's

POCHIN'S, the Cheshire builder, has a gloomy statement to accompany news that pre-tax profits for the half-year to end-November are down from £1.63 million to £1.54 million. Michael Pochin, the chairman, said the year's figures would show the company had not reached the bottom of this recession. The interim dividend stays at 8p.

### McInerney withdraws

McINERNEY Properties, the Dublin builder and property developer, has withdrawn from the British commercial property market. Its lending banks are releasing McInerney's British subsidiary from its obligations, in exchange for 51 per cent of the subsidiary's equity. Property assets worth around £30 million are involved and borrowings of £20 million.

Meanwhile, Ardagh, the former Irish Glass, has reported pre-tax profits up from Ir£1.93 million to Ir£2.35 million (£2.15 million) in the half year to September 25. The dividend is increased from 0.625p to 0.725p.

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# Lilley appeals for early conclusion to trade talks

By COLIN NARBROUGH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

PETER Lilley, the trade secretary, has called on all countries in the recently revived world trade talks to set an early deadline for concluding the round.

He said the world economy urgently needs a non-inflationary boost. Only a successful outcome to the Uruguay Round would provide the stimulus through lower tariffs, increased trade and enhanced confidence in the world trade system.

His appeal echoed fears expressed by Arthur Dunkel, the director general of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, which is holding the talks in Geneva.

Trade diplomats resumed talks late last month after they had been stalled since early December, when trade ministers from the European Community and America failed to agree on the key issue of farm trade. The four-year round had been scheduled to end in 1990.

Despite the resumption, Mr Dunkel remains concerned that slow progress on a revised EC stance on agriculture, and the powerful protectionist lobby in America, could drag the talks out, endangering a successful conclusion.

Need for boost: Lilley

Mr Lilley, addressing a conference in London, said he hoped the talks could end by the summer. If that deadline could not be met, he said the round should be concluded by no later than the end of 1991.

He argued that the complex negotiations, which cover trade in manufactured goods, agricultural goods and services, as well as other trade rules, needed the discipline of a deadline.

Without one, he said, there was a danger of part-agreements already reached being unravelled, the talks getting caught up in the American presidential elections, and growing pressure for a return to protectionism.

# Breakthrough still sought, says Dunkel

By ROSEMARY RIGHTER

ARTHUR Dunkel, director general of the general agreement on tariffs and trade, gave a warning yesterday that the "important political breakthroughs" needed to rescue the Uruguay Round of trade negotiations still lie ahead.

Speaking in London at the Royal Institute of International Affairs, Mr Dunkel said that the original ambitions and objectives of these talks, the most ambitious ever attempt to liberalise world trade, must be clearly understood and accepted, "particularly in agriculture".

The pace and content of the European Community's recently announced proposals for reforming the Common Agricultural Policy would, he said, affect the chances for success at the global level.

Brussels has insisted that the recently-begun internal discussion of CAP reform, dictated largely by financial pressures on the EC budget and rapidly rising food mountains, has nothing to do with the Uruguay Round.

The probability of sluggish economic growth in the world economy and international trade this year increased the risk of backsliding.

But trade reforms were more essential than ever to encourage eastern European and Third World countries to stick to the painful decisions involved in modernising and opening up their economies.

After four years of talks involving nearly 100 countries, negotiations collapsed in Brussels last December after the EC's refusal to improve on an offer to cut farm subsidies. This refusal was rejected as being totally inadequate by almost all other governments involved in talks.

Agricultural subsidies in the industrialised world cost consumers and taxpayers $250 billion a year. Reformers, led by America, want cuts of between 75 per cent and 90 per cent in farm supports, particularly export subsidies.

The EC offered cuts which would amount to only 15 per cent below today's levels and refused to look at import barriers, export subsidies and domestic price supports under separate headings.

Agreement to restart the talks was reached late last month, when the EC agreed to discuss each kind of subsidy separately. But the sides are still so far apart that no date has been set for concluding a deal.

Mr Dunkel gave a warning yesterday that if the talks were not to relapse, a deadline must be set soon.

## Kleen-E-Ze loss deepens

KLEEN-E-ZE Holdings, the housewares distribution and direct marketing company, has announced increased pre-tax losses of £4.3 million (£2.9 million loss) for the year to end-August 1990.

Kleen-E-Ze said an improvement in the trading environment was unlikely soon. There is no dividend for the year.

## Money in hand

THE Bank of England's weekly data of banknotes in circulation showed a rise of 1.8 per cent in the latest week compared with the equivalent period in 1990, unchanged from the annual rise last week.

## NI's new man

NEWS International, the publishing company which owns *The Times*, has appointed Karsten Schmidt as director of international operations. Dr Schmidt, a senior partner of Baker & McKenzie, the law firm, will also be responsible for News International's continental European interests, which include a joint venture with Burda, the German publishing group.

## Ranger down

RANGER Oil, the Canadian North Sea explorer quoted in London, saw net earnings fall by 18 per cent to US$42.4 million (£22.44) from $51.9 million in 1990. A dividend of 8 cents compares with 6 cents in 1989.

# Sorrell opts for a novel solution

Martin Sorrell developed a formidable reputation as a financier during WPP's explosive growth. He is breaking new ground again now the advertising group is in trouble. WPP's offer of shadow options to its banks as part of the $800 million refinancing is a neat invention. It allows the company to avoid large upfront fees for the refinancing, which could have placed further strain on the group's cash flow.

The offer is also attractive to WPP's banks. As the company borrows more, the options' strike prices fall, which increases the banks' potential profits. The options also give the banks a vested interest in WPP's recovery, since a high share price also increases their return.

Full details of WPP's refinancing have not been released, or indeed agreed by all the company's 30 banks. But the deal looks good for the company. It allows WPP to roll up a myriad of bank facilities into a single $800 million seven-year loan, with flexible repayments.The cost is a 0.5 per cent rise in the interest rate, or $4 million a year, but as base rates are falling this is not a problem.

More worrying is the likelihood that WPP will pass its preference dividend next month. This will save £17.7 million a year, and the highly-leveraged WPP needs all the cashflow it can get. But the cancellation gives preference shareholders voting rights and control of 84 per cent of the votes in the group. Mr Sorrell does not need shareholders' approval or his refinancing plan. But should any sizeable holders of the preference shares wish to make waves, they will soon have ample opportunity.

**COMMENT**

## BT dilemma

To sell or not to sell. Assuming that Mr Major does not opt for a June 6 election, the government has a finely balanced judgment to make over its remaining 49 per cent holding in British Telecom.

There were mixed City feelings over the outcome of the duopoly review, hardly the best background for an enthusiastic response to a sale of the stake, the earliest practical date for which would be the autumn. On the long term view, BT faces tougher competition from Cable & Wireless's Mercury operations and will inevitably have to live with a steady draining away of its 95 per cent share of the British market.

The price formula of RPI minus 6.5 per cent is hardly inspiring, especially if inflation declines to the levels of 5 per cent or so which City economists forsee by the end of the year. The prospect of equal access for telephone users to Mercury and other operators over a five-year time scale is no more than expected. But it will take a long time before any newcomer apart from Mercury is any position to make real inroads into BT's business.

On a shorter time horizon though, the outlook for BT shares is more favourable. BT made a great deal of noise about the threat posed by the duopoly review and its lobbying appears to have borne fruit. There were concessions from the extreme possibilities which emerged from the green paper last year and some commentators feel that BT has enjoyed a great escape.

Possible earnings growth of 20 per cent over the next two years is attractive for a share standing at a discount to the market and a much bigger one to Cable & Wireless. The internal cost savings available to BT remain prodigious. Finally, the political risks of share sale have been much reduced since Mr Major's elevation. The odds were strongly against a share sale not long ago. They are evens now.

## Rolls rewards

The rewards of virtue are, at best, being delayed for Rolls-Royce. The group has spent a prodigious £1.7 billion on research and development over the past five years, including £900 million of its own money. That has enabled it to gain a rising share of the civil aero engine market, with some useful new airline scalps won in 1990 and a possible $1 billion orders for JAL and another Japanese airline this year. The 1,000 Rolls military engines used in the Gulf performed handsomely and the big push into power generation via the purchase of NEI looked strategically well-timed.

In the short-term, however, the results are disappointing and are likely to continue that way. In 1990 Rolls was hit primarily by the impact of American recession and the Gulf war on its airline customers and the need to accelerate cost-cutting in the face of sterling's strength.

Excluding exceptional provisions, 1991 is likely to be worse, depending on the timing of renewed demand for civil and military spares. Pete Deighton of County Natwest, who was less embarrassed than some analysts by the 1990 results, has already downgraded 1991 forecasts twice and now looks for only £205 million pre-tax. Earnings per share, which fell a third to 13.9p ( or from 21.8p to 19.1p before provisions, would be around 16p.

On that basis, the shares, after yesterday's fall, would sell at almost 10 times 1991 earnings with a solid dividend yield of 6.1 per cent. They may need a continuing bull market to find favour. The accounts, however are cautious, the balance sheet sound and Rolls is planning its five-year efficiency plan as well as its aero engine programme for the long term, when it will surely be very much alive and profitable.

# Bonn tots up the true cost of unification

THE COST of unification and the recent tax increases needed to pay for it will have a considerable effect on the German economy after all, according to the German government's annual economic report, which will be presented today.

The report forecasts a rise in inflation to 3.5 per cent, against 2.7 per cent last year, purely because of higher petrol taxes that will come in this year. Economic growth will fall to between 2.5 and 3 per cent, compared with last year's modern record of 4.6 per cent. Private consumption will fall even more sharply, from 4.4 per cent to between 1.5 per cent and 2.5 per cent.

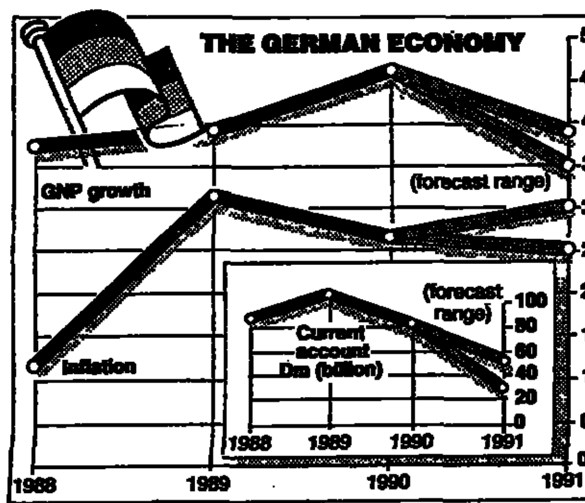
Compared with other Group of Seven countries, this is still respectable, although the theory that the German economic powerhouse will propel other European economies out of recession might no longer hold.

On the positive side, the report ends naive and dangerous assumptions that unification is a self-financing exercise that can leave economic policy unaffected.

On the negative side, the forecasts like all its official and semi-official predecessors, lack a necessary health warning. One is reminded of John Maynard Keynes' dictum that forecasts which prove roughly right are superior to those which are precisely wrong. Over the last eight months, the German government has not only erred, but erred to an astonishing degree of precision. One such memorable occasion was the economics ministry's forecast last October, according to which the East German economy would bottom out in March.

We know now that it has not, nor will it next month or the month after. The news coming from eastern Germany is, indeed, so grim that the country could count itself lucky if the eastern economy picked up at all this year.

The greatest uncertainty remains the future of the eastern German economy and the cost of its reconstruction. Although the annual report's figures relate only to the western part of the country, the development in the east has a direct bearing on pan-German finances, and hence on the economy at large.



The estimates for infrastructural investments in the eastern regions vary from DM20 billion to DM50 billion. The most optimistic assumption on average unemployment in the east, which is incidentally also the government's assumption, is 2 million unemployed this year. Others put it at 4 million, and by rule of thumb each 1 million unemployed costs the state about DM10 billion.

Deutsche Bank is sceptical about some of the annual report's most important forecasts. The bank projects 1991 growth at 2.5 per cent, and an average rate of unemployment in the east of 3 million.

Waigel: firm on deficit

There is also an element of unease over the federal budget. If current calculations prove correct, the recently announced tax rises, which will bring in additional revenues of DM18 billion this year, should be able to contain the projected deficit below DM70 billion, a level which the Bundesbank considers compatible with the present *level of interest rates.*

But a recent decision by the government to increase the eastern states' share of the unity fund, and a plethora of compensation claims awaiting Bonn in respect of east German properties and breaches of trade agreements between eastern German companies and other East European countries, could mean further budgetary U-turns.

While the government cannot be blamed for the uncertainty itself, it is mainly responsible for the country's inability to cope with it, because of the inflexible approach it adopted to fiscal policies.

Of the three measures to influence fiscal policies — changes in taxation, borrowings, and expenditure, the government has already exhausted the first two and has little flexibility on the third.

Judging by comments from the Bundesbank and from Theo Waigel, the finance minister, the DM70 billion deficit ceiling is set in concrete because further deficits would inexorably lead to higher interest rates.

The decision on tax rises has already been taken, even though the costs of unification are still not clear, and expenditure cuts take too long to implement because of the country's long-winded parliamentary procedures.

In the end, everything might come right, but then, it might not. The development of the east German economy, and the point at which it will hit its nadir, are the most crucial factors that will determine the country's economic performance in the short term.

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# 'Evil ways' benefit Ladbroke

**TEMPUS**

THE fashionable view is that capitalising interest is one of the greatest evils of modern accounting. To a follower of this vogue, Ladbroke, the hotels to bookmaking group, is the devil incarnate.

One or two property companies have recently made a virtue of giving up this practice, mainly because they have had to give up developing, but Cyril Stein, the Ladbroke chairman, is not among these penitents. Last year Ladbroke capitalised £82.8 million of interest, even more than the £50 million or so it capitalised in 1989.

Had this been taken through the profit and loss account, Ladbroke's pre-tax profit would have been considerably less than last year's £302.2 million and dividend cover would have been significantly reduced. Instead, it was marginally up at £305.6 million. An increased final dividend of 5.93p (5.65p) gave a total of 10.61p (9.79p).

Of far greater concern for Ladbroke are the prospects for trading. The Hilton chain is suffering with the rest of the hotel industry; Texas, Ladbroke's DIY chain, is in the retail doldrums; bookmaking has had a run of bad luck and only Mr Stein believes commercial property has turned the corner.

As a result, current-year forecasts have been cut, although a range of £250 million to £295 million suggests with little consensus. But the prospects for 1992 look far more encouraging. Capital expenditure last year fell 50 per cent to £450 million, and will fall to £150 million this year, lending confidence to the company's suggestion that gearing will fall from its current 58 per cent.

By 1992, most of the projects that Mr Stein and his team have been capitalising interest on will be finished and, hopefully, making profits. At 263.5p, on a multiple of, at worst, 12, the shares should have staying power.

## TI Group

BY achieving improved margins and a positive cashflow while most of its major markets were sliding into recession, TI Group has confirmed the success of its transition into an international specialist engineer.

Pre-tax profits surged 15 per cent to £128.4 million last year, lifting earnings per share by 6.5p to 55.5p, and permitting a 2p improvement in the dividend, to 17.5p a share. But these figures include £7.3 million of currency hedging gains and a £2.8 million surplus on property disposals.

By dominating the market segments in which it operates and concentrating on products critical to application, TI believes it is well-placed to cope with recession.

That is as well, given that all the signs are that its American market will experience a downturn of at least 10 per cent this year. Gulf victory euphoria will hasten the American recovery, TI believes, but Britain will have to wait until well into 1992. Like many others, TI looks to Germany for relief in the near term.

Here the Mannesmann link strengthens TI's hand, even if the Germans have spent more time looking east since the Berlin wall came down.

The group will be hard-pressed to avoid a downturn this year, and it would be unreasonable to expect more than around £112.5 million pre-tax this time, suggesting earnings of 47.6p a share. Indeed, it is hard to fault what has been an impressive transformation for TI, and the shares fully justify their 10.7 p/e rating.

# THE TIMES CITY DIARY

## Boxing clever for Levitt

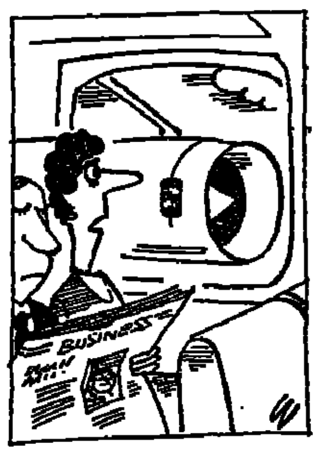
LENNOX Lewis was fighting for more than just the British and European heavyweight titles when he took on Gary Mason at Wembley Arena on Wednesday night. Sitting in the fourth row was Roger Levitt, former head of the Levitt Group and Lewis' financial backer until events overtook him in December. Levitt, who was sporting his customary bow tie and Davidoff cigar, found himself sitting behind Colin Wright, the accountant in charge of the Wembley audit for KPMG Peat Marwick McLintock, and a guest for the evening of Sir Brian Wolfson, the chairman of Wembley. Coincidentally, Wright's colleague, Phil Wallace, is busily engaged in winding up the Levitt Group. The title Lewis won in seven rounds, is one of the few valuable Levitt assets still to be disposed of by KPMG. Levitt, who makes his next court appearance in connection with his group's collapse on May 9, was also sitting near the Lewis family and appeared delighted with the outcome.

## PLC status, alive

THE curse of the *USM Magazine* lives on. The telephone hardly stopped ringing yesterday at the offices of *Practical Law for Companies* — popularly known as PLC Magazine, the name given, for a matter of days, to Ian Restall's former *USM Magazine.* Faced with a rapidly shrinking membership, Restall decided to change the name of the USM periodical to *PLC Magazine*, without, it seems, realising that the name already existed. After a brief but furious exchange, the USM magazine's name changed yet again, this time to *PLC Review*, before finally going into liquidation two weeks ago. The latter also cast doubt on the future of the USM/PLC Dinner, but this went ahead as planned last night. The matter has become so confusing that *PLC Magazine* readers have been ringing up, offering their condolences. The *Practical Law* magazine, we are happy to report, is in fact alive and well.

## Invisibles man

A MATTER of months after stepping down as Lord Mayor of the City of London, Sir Hugh Bidwell is back. He has been appointed chairman of British Invisibles, a position held for the past six years by Lord Limerick, former deputy chairman of Kleinwort Benson. "It is a great honour," says Bidwell, aged 56, who takes up the post on April 8 and plans to continue promoting the Square Mile as one of the best centres in Europe for foreign capital. "There are a lot of opportunities for companies in the City, particularly with respect to Kuwait, and I will try to help all interested parties to make sure they don't miss out." As he takes up his new role, Bidwell will find himself in familiar company. For he was appointed to the position by Robin Leigh-Pemberton, governor of the Bank of England, and a frequent companion at state banquets in recent months. Bidwell will also continue as a non-executive director of Riggs A P, the American-owned bank.



'This is a fine time to tell me the engines are down.'

## Nasty surprise

BARELY a year after becoming the first female managing director of a life insurance company in Britain, Jean Wood has thrown in the towel. Wood, whose appointment shocked the male-dominated world of life insurance, left Stevenage's Manufacturers Life on Friday. Her appointment was seen as an attempt by Manulife's Canadian parent to import a few liberal attitudes into the United Kingdom. Fred Simons, senior vice-president of the insurance group, who appointed Wood, said the two had not seen eye to eye of late. "I have a high regard for her and that has not changed, but you have got to be on the same wavelength and we have been less and less over a period of time." Wood is mulling over her next move. "I have no plans for the future as this has happened very quickly," she said from her home at Nasty, Hertfordshire.

## Logical listing

CONTINENTAL, the German tyre company, has been holding its own remarkably well against Pirelli of Italy, which wants a merger. Conti, as it is known in Germany, has been resisting fiercely and must be fairly confident of victory at its extraordinary shareholders' meeting, due to be held next week, to vote on Pirelli's offer. For Conti has managed to line up almost the entire German banking, insurance and motor car establishment in support of its continued independence. Pirelli's chances, following its tentative proposal, now look increasingly grim, even though a quarter of Conti shares are believed to be in Italian hands. And, adding insult to injury, Conti has now decided to have its shares listed on the Milan stock exchange, home of Pirelli's headquarters. While the move may ruffle a few Italian feathers, it is not lacking in logic. "It all makes sense," says one insider at Conti. "After all, we have so many Italian shareholders nowadays."

CAROL LEONARD

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**12% Profit Sharing Bonus**

| | 1990/91 £m | 1989/90 £m | |
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| **Sales** | 2,159.2 | 2,046.3 | + 6% |
| **Trading Profit** | 109.9 | 123.7 | −11% |
| Interest | 18.4 | 13.6 | |
| **Profit before tax** | 91.5 | 110.1 | −17% |
| Taxation | 12.6 | 21.0 | |
| Preference Dividends | 0.2 | 0.2 | |
| **Surplus available for profit sharing and retentions** | 78.7 | 88.9 | −11% |
| **Retentions** | 42.1 | 47.7 | |
| **Partnership Bonus** | 33.1 | 41.2 | |
| **Employer's National Insurance on Partnership Bonus** | 3.5 | | |
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# CBI to advise firms on lower pay deals

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

CONFEDERATION of British Industry leaders will next week begin telling companies how to reach lower pay settlements as inflation falls.

The organisation has come under increasing pressure to take a more active role in trying to co-ordinate company wage deals.

CBI leaders will make a series of presentations on pay around the country to persuade companies directly to agree lower settlements.

Normally, the organisation presents a picture of pay to its regions at the start of each pay round, but its leaders believe that pay bargaining has changed so much with the impact of the recession and ERM membership that they are making an interim pay presentation with the aim of securing much lower deals.

The CBI says in its presentation that, as it had forecast, the overall state of the economy had worsened considerably, with "urgent implications" for pay.

The organisation claims the upward spiral on pay has been broken, but says this must only be the start if industry is to emerge from the recession with adequate capacity and competitive labour costs.

Pay settlements are already spreading downwards, the CBI says, and nobody should feel bound to match anything approaching the double-digit retail price index figures seen at the end of last year.

The CBI says the importance of pay comparisons and recruitment as pressures on pay are easing, while the downward influence of redundancy has more than doubled.

The organisation doubts that lower pay deals are likely to lead to industrial disputes.

Detailing how companies can use the falling retail price index to their advantage, the presentation suggests a range of methods to get lower deals, including pay pauses — IBM, the computer company, is the latest British company to take this route — pay freezes, sticking by low offers, deferring settlement dates, delaying pay decisions, and staging pay awards.

# Receiver called in at Ferrari Holdings

By PHILIP PANGALOS

FERRARI Holdings, the computer services group whose shares were suspended at 5p on the Unlisted Securties Market on Wednesday, has called in the receiver.

John Talbot and Alan Lewis, of Arthur Andersen, have been appointed joint administrative receivers after a request from Ferrari's board to Lloyds Bank to appoint an administrative receiver.

A spokesman for Ferrari, which employs about 600 people, said: "The directors regret that this action has been necessary." The company blamed the group's troubles on recent acquisitions, including UCL Group, a 29.9 per cent interest in Telecomputing, whose shares were recently suspended, and Pericom.

Singer & Friedlander's 35 per cent stake in Ferrari rises to 48.8 per cent after convertible shares are taken into account. It is unlikely that Singer & Friedlander will recoup any of its initial investment, about £14 million.

Ferrari reported interim losses of £390,000 last November and is thought to have debts of more than £7 million. The company failed to win approval from bankers and investors for a refinancing plan. The administrative receivers intend to maintain the group's trade and sell the businesses as going concerns.

# Profits at Pentos group rise 21%

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

PENTOS, the retail group that comprises Dillons bookstores, Ryman and Athena, shrugged off the recession last year with an increase in pre-tax profits of 21 per cent.

But Terry Maher, chairman of the group, said Dillons' London stores had in recent weeks felt the effects of the snow, British Rail problems and the Gulf war.

Group pre-tax profits last year were £15.1 million, up from £12.5 million, on sales of £172 million, up from £143 million. Earnings per share rose 4 per cent to 9.8p and the final dividend is 1.9p, making 2.5p for the year, an increase of 14 per cent.

There is a £1.7 million extraordinary debit for the closure of Athena Galleries in America and Singapore. The interest charge rose 44 per cent to £3.9 million.

Profit from specialist retailing, which includes the three main retail chains, was £14 million, a 44 per cent rise on sales up 28 per cent to £148.5 million. The Hatchards and Claude Gill chain, bought for £10.5 million last year, contributed £1 million in profit in three months.

Sales at Dillons, which now has an 11 per cent shares of the retail book market in Britain, rose 28 per cent and same-shop sales increased 10 per cent.

Tougher year lies ahead: Terry Maher of Pentos

Mr Maher says the recession is deepening and he does not expect sales in his London bookshops, off about 10 per cent at the moment, to be back up to par until October. Thirty-five per cent of Dillons' sales come from greater London.

Athena, the cards and poster and book chain, opened 35 new stores in Britain and 11 in Canada. Sales worldwide were 21 per cent ahead of 1989. Ryman, the office supply business, increased sales by 7 per cent. The office furniture business made profits of £5.5 million on sales of £33.5 million.

Mr Maher is continuing his campaign against the net book agreement, which prevents price discounting, and is increasingly certain it will wither on the vine.

# Brierley to buy out remainder of IEP

By ANGELA MACKAY

BRIERLEY Investments (BIL), the New Zealand group chaired by Sir Ron Brierley, is bidding NZ$300 million (£94.6 million) in shares for the 30 per cent of Industrial Equity (Pacific) it does not already own in the last phase of a two-year reconstruction of BIL.

At the same time, BIL announced pre-tax profits for the six months to December 15 per cent lower at NZ$303 million and indicated that unless the second half improved, the final payout could be cut.

The interim dividend was maintained at 5 cents, after a final dividend of 6 cents last year. Paul Collins, the chief executive, said "it would, at this time, be premature to automatically reaffirm that full year dividends would be maintained" but concluded that the final payout would not be less than 4 cents.

BIL's structure has altered substantially over the past six months and according to Trevor Beyer, a director, the purchase of the outstanding shares in IEP will simplify the corporate structure and give shareholders a better indication of company performance.

The changes have been sweeping. Last October the company won control of Mount Charlotte, the hotels group, at what the market considered a deep discount. Mount Charlotte and Tozer Kemsley Millbourn, the motor distributor, are the main British assets. Changes have transformed the balance sheet, and at the end of 1990 gross assets stood at NZ$14 billion while net debt had swelled from NZ$2.8 billion to NZ$6.6 billion.

By the end of January, assets had fallen to NZ$12.7 billion while debt had dropped to NZ$5.4 billion. Debt is expected to be NZ$4 billion by the end of June.

## WORLD MARKET INDICES

| Index | Value | Daily ch'ge (£) | Yearly ch'ge (£) | Daily ch'ge (lc)* | Yearly ch'ge (lc)* | Daily ch'ge (US$) | Yearly ch'ge (US$) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| The World | 663.0 | –0.1 | 15.5 | 0.1 | 14.2 | 0.2 | 13.2 |
| (free) | 126.7 | –0.1 | 15.4 | 0.0 | 14.1 | 0.2 | 13.2 |
| EAFE | 1130.4 | –0.1 | 15.2 | –0.2 | 14.2 | 0.2 | 12.9 |
| (free) | 116.0 | –0.1 | 15.1 | –0.3 | 13.9 | 0.2 | 12.8 |
| Europe | 687.0 | –0.3 | 15.4 | –0.2 | 16.0 | 0.0 | 13.1 |
| (free) | 148.3 | –0.3 | 15.1 | –0.5 | 15.4 | 0.0 | 12.8 |
| Nth America | 489.3 | –0.2 | 16.1 | 0.1 | 13.8 | 0.1 | 13.8 |
| Nordic | 1324.3 | 0.8 | 21.8 | 0.7 | 21.8 | 0.9 | 19.4 |
| (free) | 216.3 | 0.5 | 20.9 | 0.6 | 21.2 | 0.8 | 18.6 |
| Pacific | 2482.3 | 0.1 | 15.0 | –0.1 | 12.7 | 0.4 | 12.8 |
| Far East | 3599.5 | 0.1 | 15.1 | –0.1 | 12.8 | 0.4 | 12.9 |
| Australia | 259.6 | –0.6 | 13.1 | –0.2 | 11.5 | –0.3 | 10.8 |
| Austria | 1491.0 | –0.6 | 14.0 | –0.3 | 15.2 | –0.3 | 11.7 |
| Belgium | 816.3 | 0.4 | 15.6 | 0.6 | 16.4 | 0.7 | 13.3 |
| Canada | 472.4 | –0.2 | 11.1 | –0.1 | 8.8 | 0.1 | 8.9 |
| Denmark | 1261.4 | 0.7 | 16.9 | 0.8 | 17.7 | 1.0 | 14.6 |
| Finland | 71.6 | 0.0 | 11.3 | 0.0 | 11.8 | 0.3 | 9.1 |
| (free) | 104.8 | 0.0 | 21 8 | 0.0 | 22.4 | 0.3 | 19.4 |
| France | 679 1 | 0.4 | 18.5 | 0.5 | 19.7 | 0.7 | 16.1 |
| Germany | 762.8 | –0.3 | 11 4 | –0.2 | 12.5 | 0 0 | 9.2 |
| Hong Kong | 2374 9 | –0.3 | 23 5 | –0 1 | 20.9 | –0 1 | 21 0 |
| Italy | 286.2 | –0.5 | 12 1 | –0.8 | 12.0 | –0.2 | 9.9 |
| Japan | 3761.2 | 0.1 | 14.7 | –0.1 | 12.3 | 0.4 | 12.4 |
| Netherlands | 813.4 | 0.2 | 10.2 | 0.4 | 11.2 | 0.5 | 8.0 |
| New Zealand | 59.4 | 0.3 | 15.4 | 0.6 | 12.1 | 0.6 | 13.1 |
| Norway | 1214.3 | –0.4 | 9.0 | –0.3 | 9.4 | –0.1 | 6.9 |
| (free) | 215.1 | –0.5 | 10.7 | –0.4 | 11.1 | –0.2 | 8.5 |
| Sing/Malay | 1811.9 | 1.2 | 25.0 | 1.3 | 22.7 | 1.5 | 22.5 |
| Spain | 201.6 | –0.5 | 22.8 | –0.3 | 21.0 | –0.2 | 20.4 |
| Sweden | 1487.6 | 0.9 | 30.7 | 1.1 | 30.2 | 1.2 | 28.1 |
| (free) | 217.2 | 0.8 | 30.9 | 1.0 | 30.4 | 1.1 | 28.3 |
| Switzerland | 813.6 | –0.1 | 15.4 | 0.0 | 19.1 | 0.2 | 13.1 |
| (free) | 122.6 | 0.0 | 14.1 | 0.2 | 17.8 | 0.3 | 11.8 |
| UK | 737.8 | –0.7 | 15.4 | –0.7 | 15.4 | –0.4 | 13.2 |
| USA | 444.7 | –0.2 | 16.5 | 0.1 | 14.2 | 0.1 | 14.2 |

(lc)* Local currency. Source: Morgan Stanley Capital International.

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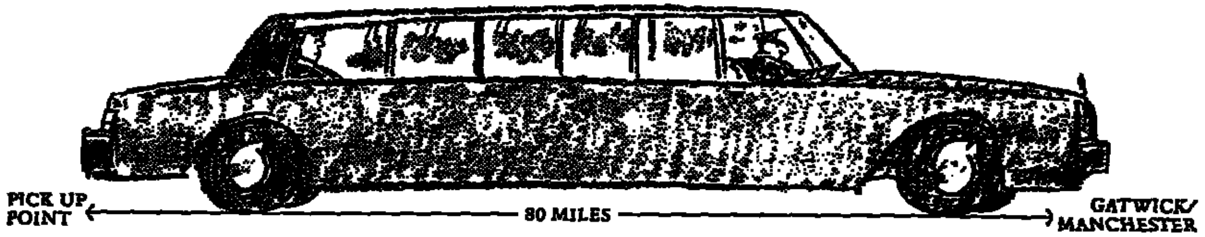

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# Pension funds make a negative return

By JONATHAN PRYNN

BRITISH pension funds made their first aggregate negative return for 16 years in 1990, although they have significantly outperformed the price and earnings inflation indices over a ten-year period.

Figures from The WM Company, the leading analyst of pension fund performance, show that the average British fund achieved a negative return of 10.6 per cent last year.

Overseas equities were by far the worst performing element of pension fund portfolios with a 27.3 per cent negative return. Japan was the poorest performing equity market of all, turning in a negative 42.7 per cent return. British equities returned a negative 9.8 per cent.

Highest returns were cash/other investments (12.6 per cent), British bonds (7.9 per cent) and British index-linked (3.9 per cent). Over the past decade, pension funds have returned an annual average 15.1 per cent, compared with 6.4 per cent and 8.5 per cent for the retail prices and average earnings indices.

POWER THROUGH PERFORMANCE.

In 1990 Rolls-Royce turnover increased by 24% to £3,670 million, compared with £2,962 million in 1989.

Operating profit increased to £468 million (1989 £383 million) and the average profit margin to sales was maintained.

Largely because of increased expenditure on research and development, profit before exceptional provisions and tax fell by £11 million to £226 million (1989 £237 million).

After exceptional provisions of £50 million (1989 £4 million), profit before tax was further reduced to £176 million, (1989 £233 million).

1990 saw the peak of the research and development investment programme which has firmly established Rolls-Royce as a company able to offer a wide range of fully competitive engines.

GROUP PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

For the year ended December 31, 1990

| | 1990 £m | 1989 £m |
|---|---|---|
| Turnover | 3,670 | 2962 |
| Operating Profit | 468 | 383 |
| Profit before exceptional items and taxation | 226 | 237 |
| Profit before taxation | 176 | 233 |
| Profit attributable to shareholders | 134 | 192 |
| Earnings per ordinary share | | |
| – net basis | 13.9p | 21.3p |
| – net basis before exceptional items | 19.1p | 21.8p |
| Dividend per ordinary share | 7.25p | 7.0p |

**Dividend:** The directors recommend a final dividend of 4.7p per share (1989 4.7p per share) making a total dividend for 1990 of 7.25p per share. The dividend is almost twice covered.

Year end net cash was £170 million, slightly less than the previous year end (£193 million).

Commenting on the results, the Chairman of Rolls-Royce, Lord Tombs of Brailes, said: "In a difficult industrial climate we are taking determined steps to reduce further our costs and strengthen our market position.

"We have a £5.7 billion order book. The underlying performance of the company is satisfactory and provides a sound base from which to face the uncertainties and opportunities which result from the Gulf conflict in both the civil and military aero-engine sectors and take advantage of new markets for the Industrial Power Group."

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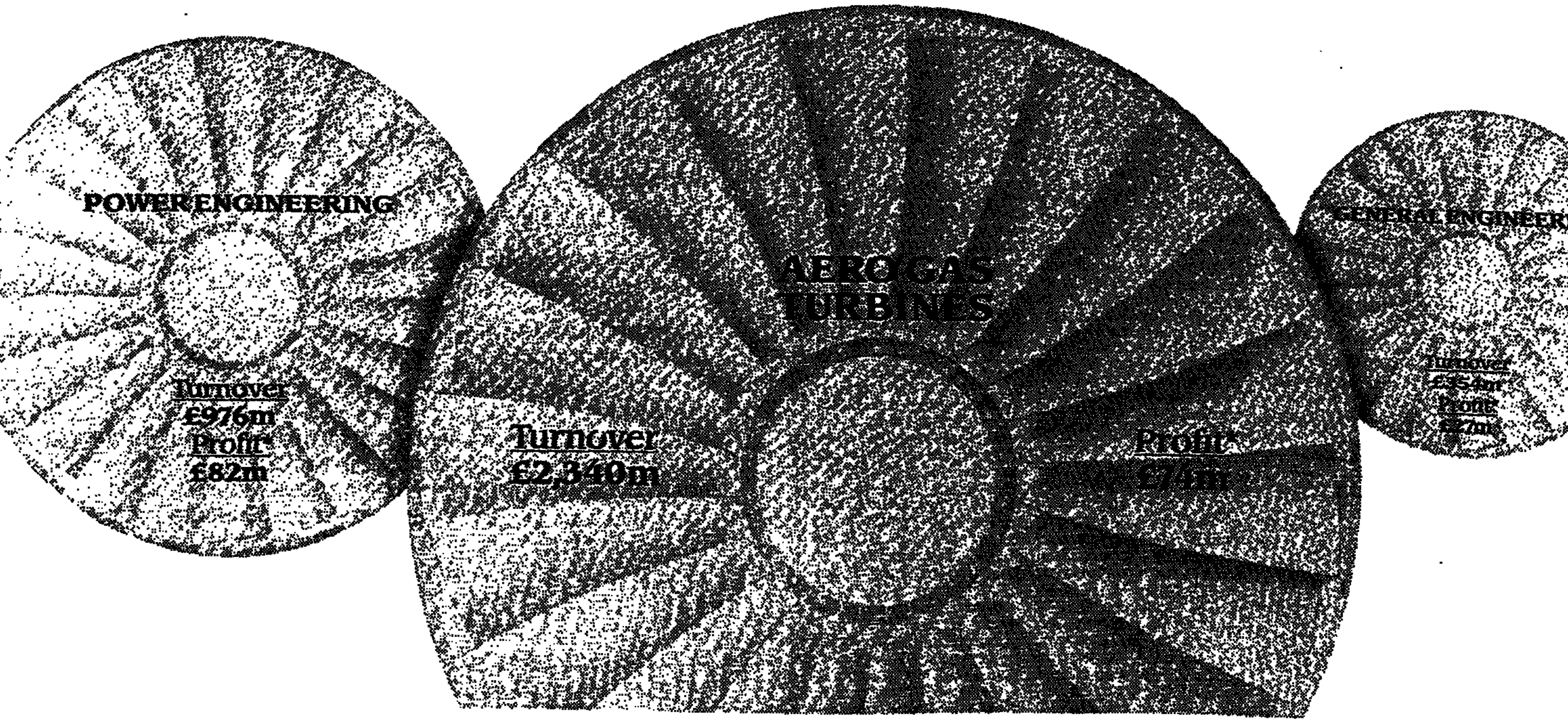

*The profit shown above represents profit on ordinary activities before taxation as adjusted for net interest

NOTES 1 Financial data for the year to December 31, 1990 has been abridged from the full Group accounts for that period The 1990 accounts which received an auditors report without qualification, have not yet been delivered to the Registrar of Companies
2 The Annual Report will be published and sent to all Rolls Royce plc shareholders by the end of April

WALL STREET

# Buyers respond to fall in blue chips

**New York**

BLUE chips recovered from opening losses in morning trading as buyers responded to the weakness. The Dow Jones industrial average was 9 points up at 2,982.27 after slipping by 6 points.

Rises in bonds, the dollar and the futures market helped to support shares.

● **Tokyo** — Prices closed slightly higher in thin dealings as worries about the expirations of the March futures and options contracts yesterday overshadowed the gains on overseas markets. The Nikkei index was up 14.97 points, or 0.06 per cent, to 26,397.96.

● *Frankfurt* – Shares ended a roller-coaster ride slightly lower, weakened by two rounds of profit-taking and a poor corporate earnings result. The Dax index finished down 13.86 points at 1,580.46.

*(Reuter)*

| | Mar 7 midday | Mar 8 close | | Mar 7 midday | Mar 8 close | | Mar 7 midday | Mar 8 close |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Abbott Lab | 46% | 46% | Enron | 55% | 54% | Oryx Energy | 39 | 39% |
| Aetna Life | 45% | 45% | Entergy | 23% | 23% | Pac Ent | 42% | 41% |
| Ahmanson | 17% | 18% | Ethyl | 30% | 30% | Pac Gas Elec | 24% | 24% |
| Air Prods | 69% | 66% | Exxon | 55% | 54% | Pac Telesis | 41% | 42% |
| Albertsons | 42 | 42% | Fed NMA | 45% | 45% | Paccar | 40% | 40% |
| Alcan Al | 23% | 23% | Fedrl Exprs | 39% | 39% | Pacificorp | 21% | 21% |
| Alco Stand | 32 | 32 | Flt Norstar | 15% | 15% | Pall | 30% | 30% |
| Allied Signal | 30 | 30% | Fluor | 51% | 50% | Paramount | 42% | 41% |
| Alumin CA | 66% | 66% | FMC | 37 | 37 | Parker-Hanin | 27% | 28% |
| Am Brands | 46% | 47% | Ford Motor | 34% | 34% | Penney | 56 | 56% |
| Am Cyanmd | 57 | 57% | FPL | 29% | 29% | Pennzoil | 70% | 70% |
| Am EPC | 28% | 28% | Fst Chicago | 24% | 24% | Pepsico | 32% | 32% |
| Am General | 37% | 37% | Fst Intrsta | 35% | 35% | Pfizer | 106 | 105% |
| Am Home | 56% | 57 | Fst Union | 21% | 20% | Philips Pet | 29% | 28% |
| Am Intl | 94% | 94% | Gannett | 40% | 41 | Philips Elec | 19 | 19% |
| Am Medical | 5% | 5% | Gen Cinema | 24% | 23% | Phlip Morris | 67% | 67% |
| Am Stores | 79% | 79% | Gen Elec | 68% | 68% | Phlps Dodge | 68% | 68% |
| Amax | 28% | 28% | Gen Mills | 54% | 54% | Ptney Bow | 52 | 53% |
| Amer Hess | 50% | 49% | Gen Motors | 39% | 40% | Plcr Dome | 14% | 14% |
| Ameritech | 64% | 64% | Gen RE | 95% | 95% | PNC Fncl | 30% | 30% |
| Amex | 26% | 27% | Gen Signal | 43% | 43% | Pnhdle Estn | 14% | 14% |
| Amoco | 53% | 52% | Genentech | 25% | 25% | Polaroid | 27% | 27% |
| AMP | 52% | 53% | Genuine Pts | 41 | 41% | PPG Inds | 51% | 52% |
| AMR | 58% | 60% | Georgia-Pac | 43% | 43% | Prctr Gmble | 86% | 85 |
| Anheuser-B | 47 | 46% | Gillette | 75% | 75% | Price | 43% | 44 |
| Apple Comp | 64% | 63 | Goodrich | 42% | 42% | Primerica | 32% | 32% |
| Archer-Dan | 22% | 22% | Goodyear | 23% | 23% | Pub Service | 26% | 26% |
| Arkla | 19% | 19% | Grace | 31% | 31% | Quaker Oats | 58% | 57% |
| Armstrong | 27% | 27% | Greyhound | 30% | 30% | Ralston Pur | 107% | 107% |
| Asarco | 29% | 29% | Gt Atlantic | 54% | 58% | Raychem | 28% | 28% |
| Ashland Oil | 33% | 34% | Gt Western | 17 | 17% | Raytheon | 76% | 77 |
| AT&T | 34 | 34% | GTE | 31% | 31% | Reebok | 22 | 21% |
| Atlan Richfld | 130% | 129% | Hallibrtn | 53 | 51% | Roadway | 48 | 49% |
| Auto DP | 64% | 65% | Heinz | 37 | 37% | Rockwell | 26% | 26% |
| Avery Intl | 24% | 24% | Hercules | 41% | 41% | Rohm Haas | 43% | 44% |
| Avon Prod | 43% | 43% | Hershey Fd | 40 | 39% | Royal Dutch | 82% | 81% |
| Baltimore | 27% | 27% | Hewlett Pkd | 50% | 50% | Rubbermaid | 44 | 43% |
| Banc One | 34% | 35 | Hilton Htl | 45% | 45% | Ryndls Mtl | 65% | 64% |
| Bankamerica | 34 | 34% | Home Depot | 51% | 52% | Safeco | 38% | 40% |
| Bard | 21% | 21% | Homestake | 16% | 16% | Salomon | 28% | 27% |
| Barnett Bk | 24 | 24% | Honeywell | 61% | 61% | Sant Fe Pac | 7% | 7% |
| Bausch Lmb | 80% | 80% | Houston Ind | 35% | 35% | Sara Lee | 38% | 38% |
| Baxter Intl | 32 | 31% | Hsehld Intl | 48% | 49% | Scecorp | 37% | 37% |
| Bec Dickn | 73% | 73% | Humana | 47% | 47% | Schlumbgr | 64% | 63% |
| Bell Atlan | 47% | 47% | IBM | 132% | 133% | Schrg-Plgh | 51% | 51% |
| Bellsouth | 52% | 52% | IF&F | 86% | 86% | Scott Papr | 44% | 45% |
| Blk Hughes | 28% | 28 | Illinois TW | 55% | 55% | Seagram | 95% | 95% |
| Black Decker | 14% | 14% | Inco | 32 | 32 | Sears Rbk | 31% | 32% |
| Block | 49% | 49% | Ingsol-Rand | 51% | 51% | Secrty Pac | 28% | 28% |
| Bnkrs Tst NY | 46% | 46% | Inland Steel | 24% | 23% | Shrwn-Wilms | 44% | 45% |
| Boeing | 50% | 50% | Intel | 51 | 51% | Skyline | 17% | 17% |
| Boise Casc | 28% | 27% | Intl Paper | 62% | 62% | Snap-on Tls | 31% | 31% |
| Borden | 34 | 34% | ITT | 57% | 57% | Southern | 27 | 26% |
| Brist-Myer | 75% | 76% | James River | 26% | 27 | St Paul | 67% | 67 |
| Browng-Fer | 27% | 27% | Johnsn Jhsn | 89% | 87% | Stanley Wk | 35% | 35% |
| Burl Nth | 29% | 29% | K Mart | 36% | 39% | Stone Cntr | 15% | 14% |
| CAI | 9% | 9% | Kellogg | 84% | 83% | Sun Co | 35% | 34% |
| Campbell Sp | 71% | 71% | Kerr-McGee | 46% | 45% | Suntst Bk | 26 | 26% |
| Cap Cities | 491 | 498 | Kimbly-Clrk | 87% | 88% | Super Valu | 26% | 25% |
| Capital HC | 45% | 45 | Knight-Riddr | 49% | 49% | SW Bell | 54% | 54% |
| Carolina | 46% | 46% | Lilly | 82% | 82% | Syntex | 78% | 77% |
| Caterpillar | 54% | 54% | Limited | 24% | 25 | Sysco | 39% | 39% |
| CBS | 184% | 185% | Lin Brdcstg | 68 | 69% | Tandem | 14% | 14% |
| Central SW | 42 | 42% | Lincln Nat | 49% | 49% | Tandy | 33% | 33% |
| Champion | 27% | 27% | Litton Ind | 85% | 85% | Tele-comm | 16 | 16% |
| Chase Man | 15% | 16% | Lockheed | 41% | 41 | Teledyne | 23% | 23% |
| Chem Bnkg | 17% | 18 | Louis-Pac | 32% | 32% | Temple-In | 38% | 38% |
| Chevron | 75% | 75% | Manu Hano | 26% | 26% | Tenneco | 49% | 49% |
| Chrysler | 13% | 13% | Marriott | 19% | 20 | Texaco | 65% | 65 |
| Chubb | 67 | 67% | Marsh Mclen | 78% | 78% | Texas Inst | 43% | 42% |
| Cigna | 49% | 51 | Martin Mar | 49 | 48% | Texas Util | 38% | 38% |
| Citicorp | 15% | 15% | Masco | 23% | 22% | Textron | 30% | 30% |
| Clbrne Liz | 44% | 44% | May Dept | 54% | 54% | Time Wrnr | 110% | 108 |
| Clorox | 40 | 40 | Maytag | 13% | 13% | Times Mirr | 30% | 30% |
| Cmwlth Edis | 39% | 38% | MCA | n/a | n/a | Timken | 27% | 27% |
| CNA Fincl | 84 | 84 | McDnl Doug | 40% | 40% | Torchmark | 55% | 55% |
| Coastal | 32% | 32% | McDonalds | 34 | 33% | Toys R Us | 28% | 28% |
| Coca-Cola | 52% | 52% | McGraw-Hill | 58% | 58% | Transam | 38% | 38% |
| Colgate-Pal | 74% | 75% | MCI Com | 27 | 27% | Travelers | 22% | 21% |
| Columb Gas | 43% | 43% | Mead | 30% | 30% | Tribune | 43 | 43% |
| Compaq | 71% | 72 | Medtronic | 116% | 117% | TRW | 41% | 42 |
| Conagra | 43 | 43% | Melville | 51% | 50% | Tyco Lab | 49% | 49% |
| Cons Edis | 23% | 23% | Merck | 103% | 103% | UAL | 146% | 148 |
| Cons NG | 43% | 43% | Merll Lynch | 31 | 30% | Un Camp | 42% | 42% |
| Cons Rail | 46% | 49% | MM&M | 90% | 90% | Un Carbide | 19% | 19% |
| Cooper Ind | 51% | 51% | Mobil | 64% | 63% | Un Pacific | 77% | 78% |
| Corning | 59% | 58% | Monsanto | 61% | 60 | Unilever | 88% | 88% |
| CPC Intl | 82% | 82% | Moore | 28% | 28% | Unisys | 4% | 4% |
| Crown Cork | 64% | 64% | Morgan | 45 | 45% | Unocal | 29% | 29 |
| CSX | 36 | 37% | Motorola | 63% | 64% | Upjohn | 43% | 42 |
| Dana | 30% | 30% | Nat Medical | 44% | 44% | US West | 39% | 39 |
| Dayton-Hud | 69% | 69% | Nat Semi | 6% | 7% | Usair Gp | 22% | 23 |
| Deere | 52% | 51% | Nat Service | 26% | 25% | USF&G | 9% | 9% |
| Delta Air | 76 | 77% | Navistar | 4% | 3% | UST | 42% | 42% |
| Deluxe | 38 | 38% | NCNB | 30% | 31% | USX | 30% | 31% |
| Detroit Edi | 28% | 28% | NCR | 96% | 95% | Utd Tech | 50% | 51 |
| Digital Eq | 82% | 79% | NED Bncp | 37 | 38 | Utd Telcm | 25% | 25% |
| Dillard | 106% | 106 | Newmnt Min | 38% | 38% | VF | 26% | 25% |
| Disney | 127% | 128% | Niag Mhwk | 14% | 14% | Wal-Mart | 36% | 36% |
| Dominion | 45% | 46 | Nike | 50% | 49% | Walgreen | n/a | n/a |
| Donnelley | 46% | 46% | NL Indstrs | 13% | 13% | Waste Mgmt | 42% | 42% |
| Dover | 42% | 42 | Nordstorm | 35 | 35% | Wells Fargo | 78% | 79% |
| Dow Chem | 54% | 55 | North Sthn | 44% | 44% | Westg Elec | 30% | 30% |
| Dow Jones | 26% | 26% | Norwest | 25% | 25% | Weyerhsr | 24% | 24% |
| Dresser Ind | 27% | 27 | Nthn St Pwr | 34% | 34 | Whirlpool | 27% | 27% |
| Du Pont | 39% | 39% | Nthn Telcm | 31% | 31% | Whitman | 23% | 23% |
| Duke Pwr | 27% | 26% | NY Times | 23% | 23 | Winn-Dixie | 37% | 37% |
| Dun Bradst | 46% | 47% | Nynex | 76% | 76 | Woolworth | 33% | 33% |
| East Kodak | 45% | 45% | Occid Petrl | 20% | 20 | Wrigley | 61% | 61 |
| Eaton | 59% | 58% | Ohio Ed | 17% | 18 | Wrner-Lamb | 79% | 79 |
| Emerson El | 44% | 44% | Oracle Sys | 8% | 9% | Xerox | 58 | 58 |

## TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

| First Dealings | Last Dealings | Last Declaration | For Settlement |
|---|---|---|---|
| March 4 | March 15 | June 13 | June 24 |

Call options were taken out on: 7/3/91 BET, BTR Wts 93/4, Buckingham Intl, Brent Walker, Berisford Intl, Burton Group, Corporate Services, Crest Nicholson, Conroy Pet, Daree Estates, Davy Corp, European Colour, Euro Disneyland, Ford Seller Morris, Gaelic Res, Geevor, Interlink Express, London Securities, Walter Lawrence, Next, Oliver Res, Saatchi & Saatchi, Teredo Pet, Tusker Res.

Puts: BTR Wts 92/3, Medeva, McCarthy & Stone, Next, Reuters.

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STOCK MARKET

# Profit-taking sends shares down

HOPES that share prices would continue their record-breaking run proved short-lived. Flat performances overnight in both New York and Tokyo were the signal for profit-takers to move in as the two-week account started to draw to a close.

Prices never recovered from an early mark-down and finished near their lowest of the day after another dull opening on Wall Street. The FT-SE 100 index drifted throughout the day to finish 22.2 lower at 2,437.7 with almost 700 million shares changing hands. The index had come within just 4 points of its all-time high of 2,463.7 (reached on January 3 last year) on Wednesday.

Continental investors have led the buying in recent months. They believe that London is cheap compared to many of its main rivals. British institutional investors were more cautious, having seen the market rise by more than 15 per cent since the start of the year, cheered by the conclusion to the Gulf war, lower interest rates and the first signs of an end to the recession. Many of them are now banking on a further cut in base rates closer to the Budget on March 19.

Government securities achieved gains of £½ at the longer end yesterday after taking their lead from a stronger pound.

Among the electricity issues there were gains for **Eastern**, ½p to 170p, **Manweb**, 1p to 218p, **Midlands**, 1p to 183p, **Northern**, 1p to 200p, while **Yorkshire** was steady at 200p as was **East Midlands**, 192p and **South West**, 187p. But there were losses for **London**, 1p to 186p, **Norweb**, 1p to 191p, **Seeboard**, 1p to 181p, **Southern**, 1p to 180p and **South Wales**, 1p to 216p.

**BPB Industries**, the plasterboard manufacturer, climbed 12p to 237p, helped by reports that one of the big European producers had bowed to pressure and raised its prices. Hopes are high that BPB will now be able to raise its own prices and so increase margins.

Alan Turner, the chairman of BPB: shares rose on hopes that BPB will be able to raise its prices

BPB, where Alan Turner is the chairman, has found the going tough. The plasterboard industry has been in decline for several years after a downturn in the building sector. BPB saw its pre-tax profits slump from £202 million to £126 million last year. Analysts are forecasting a further drop to about £89 million in the current year. Attempts at cutting costs have been futile with BPB facing increased competition from Europe.

Full-year figures from **Ladbroke**, the hotels, betting shops and property group, fell short of expectations. Pre-tax profits only rose by £3.4 million to £305.6 million.

Cyril Stein, the chairman, is optimistic about this year. The Hilton International hotels chain will quickly benefit from the recovery in international travel after the Gulf war. Lower interest rates will also help the Texas Homecare DIY business and the property interests. Mr Stein also expects the margin on off-track betting to increase.

**TI Group** was unmoved at 507p after reporting an increase in pre-tax profits from £111.5 million to £128.4 million. But the board issued a warning that this year has started slowly in Britain, although order books are similar to last year.

**Rolls-Royce**, the aero engine group, went into a nosedive, falling 15p to 160p after reporting results well below even the most gloomy market forecasts. Pre-tax profits dropped almost 25 per cent to £176 million. Research and developments costs surged from £161 million to £237 million. Lord Tombs, the chairman, gave a warning that this year would be difficult. The group is looking at ways of cutting costs.

Analysts are now downgrading their profit estimates for both Roll-Royce and Ladbroke. The gloomy news from Rolls-Royce also took its toll at **British Aerospace**, 13p lower at 645p.

**WPP**, the advertising agency headed by Martin Sorrell, firmed 1p to 125p despite scrapping the final dividend. This debt-laden group reported a 20 per cent jump in pre-tax profits to £90 million yesterday. WPP is at an advanced stage in talks with its bankers on a refinancing package. WPP recently picked up business worth £22 million.

Shares in **Ultramar** tumbled 14p to 337p despite reporting full-year figures above expectations. Net profits were up 16 per cent to £119 million, helped by higher oil prices, higher gas production and increased sales of refined products. But James Darby, the chairman, said that the outlook for crude oil and gas prices is uncertain but they are expected to be lower than last year.

Elsewhere in the sector, **Lasmo** firmed 4p to 380p despite recommendations to switch into **Enterprise Oil**, up 12p at 597p. Analysts claim that Lasmo is looking expensive compared with some of its rivals.

**Mountleigh**, the property developer, continued to attract solid support. Observers of the property market claim that the shares have been left behind by the market's recent advance and are now starting to look good value for money. The market was also reassured by the news that the group has no intention of bidding for Fairchild, an American group.

But **Ford Sellar Morris**, the debt-ladened property developer that is quoted on the USM, continued to lose ground, falling 5½p to 18½p. The group says it has allowed a further six weeks for the refinancing talks with the banks.

**Carlton Communications** spent a lackhustre day, losing 3p at 439p in the wake of a downbeat statement by chairman Michael Green at the annual meeting. One of the company's joint financial advisers, BZW, has cut its forecast for the current year to £110 million compared with £127 million last time.

MICHAEL CLARK

**Walker Greenbank has risen 8p to 64p this week, helped by strong institutional demand. Charles Wightman, the chief executive, has been talking to big shareholders and has clearly made an impression. Smith Keen Cutler, the broker, rates the shares as a buy and says that now the group's restructuring is complete, shareholders can look forward to a bright future.**

## MAJOR INDICES

| | |
|---|---|
| New York: | |
| Dow Jones | 2970.30 (–2.97)* |
| S&P Composite | 376.34 (+0.17)* |
| Tokyo: | |
| Nikkei Average | 26397.96 (+14.97) |
| Hong Kong: | |
| Hang Seng | 3658.24 (+10.91) |
| FT-SE Euro 100 | 1087.99 (–1.65) |
| Amsterdam: | |
| CBS Tendency | 92.9 (+0 1) |
| Sydney: AO | 1411.5 (–1.9) |
| Frankfurt: DAX | 1580.46 (–13.86) |
| Brussels: | |
| General | 5775.05 (+34.21) |
| Paris: CAC | 482.67 (–1 14) |
| Zurich: SKA Gen | 555.8 (–4.0) |
| London: | |
| FT.—A All-Share | 1183.79 (–8.77) |
| FT.— "500" | 1301.21 (–8.67) |
| FT. Gold Mines | 143.4 (+0.7) |
| FT. Fixed interest | 93.33 (+0.06) |
| FT. Govt Secs | 85.13 (+0 19) |
| Bargains | 51556 |
| SEAQ Volume | 670.8m |
| USM (Datastream) | n/a |

*Denotes latest trading price

## FT-SE 100 VOLUMES

| | Vol '000 | | Vol '000 | | Vol '000 | | Vol '000 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Abbey Nat | 4,268 | Cadbury | 1,630 | L&G | 968 | Royal Bnk | 1,057 |
| Alld-Lyons | 1,136 | CU | 691 | Lloyds | 1,470 | Royal Ins | 771 |
| Anglian | 109 | Courtaulds | 1,322 | Lonrho | 1,433 | Sainsbury | 380 |
| ASDA | 4,049 | Dalgety | 822 | Lucas | 5,173 | Scot & N | 1,830 |
| AB Foods | 347 | Enterprise | 1,560 | M&S | 3,150 | Sears | 2,107 |
| Argyll | 2,749 | Eurotunnel | 250 | Maxwell Cm | 1,288 | Severn Trnt | 1,478 |
| BAA | 787 | Fisons | 1,923 | MEPC | 377 | Shell | 8,224 |
| BET | 3,306 | Gen Acc | 825 | Midland | 12,036 | Smith & N | 3,828 |
| BTR | 3,573 | GEC | 9,514 | Nat West | 3,924 | Sk Beech | 1,436 |
| BAT | 3,306 | Glaxo | 3,481 | N W Water | 180 | Sun Alnce | 903 |
| Barclays | 3,620 | Grand Met | 3,396 | P&O | 1,093 | Tarmac | 2,241 |
| Bass | 843 | GUS 'A' | 114 | Pearson | 258 | Tate Lyle | 1,982 |
| BICC | 3,190 | GRE | 1,714 | Pilkington | 2,752 | TSB | 2,109 |
| Bk Scotlnd | 944 | GKN | 3,203 | Prudential | 948 | Tesco | 2,886 |
| Blue Circle | 905 | Guinness | 5,892 | Racal | 5,016 | Thames Wtr | 1,104 |
| BOC | 482 | Hamsn 'A' | 60 | Rk Hovis | 5,119 | Thorn EMI | 757 |
| Boots | 1,215 | Hanson | 7,650 | Rank | 890 | Trafalgar | 1,755 |
| Br Aero | 1,233 | H & C | 551 | R&C | 67 | THF | 2,877 |
| Br Airwys | 3,183 | Hawker | 472 | Redland | 1,120 | Ultramar | 5,126 |
| Br Gas | 9,000 | Hillsdown | 2,497 | Reed | 717 | Unilever | 1,533 |
| Br Petrol | 8,398 | ICI | 3,302 | Reuters | 2,883 | United Bis | 1,376 |
| Br Steel | 8,569 | Kingfisher | 1,886 | RMC Gp | 283 | Wellcome | 953 |
| Br Telecom | 1,659 | Lasmo | 1,437 | RTZ | 1,184 | Whitbrd | 967 |
| Burmah Cst | 793 | Ladbroke | 9,836 | R-Royce | 38,822 | Wgn Teape | 3,097 |
| C&W | 2,083 | Land Sec | 382 | Rothmn 'B' | 290 | Willis Cor | 2,726 |

# Victaulic leaps 31% on strong demand

By JONATHAN PRYNN

VICTAULIC, the gas and water pipes and pipe fittings manufacturer, reports a 31 per cent leap in pre-tax profits to £11.5 million for 1990.

Underlying organic profit growth, excluding the £9.3 million acquisition of Wask-RMF and Tipper Fittings, was 14 per cent. Earnings per share grew by 21.2 per cent to 34.9p. A final 8p dividend makes 12p for the year, a 23 per cent increase.

David Stewart, the managing director, said the growth had been fuelled by continuing strong demand from the gas and water supply industries.

The company also expects to benefit this year from refurbishment contracts in Kuwait, where the group's products are widely used.

Mr Stewart said the company's main markets had not been seriously affected by the recession because much of the demand, especially from the water industry, is required by British or European legislation. "We remain optimistic about the prospects," he said.

# Castings to purchase William Lee

CASTINGS, the West Midlands iron castings group, plans to purchase the collapsed Parkfield Group's William Lee business for about £3.83 million.

William Lee, of Sheffield, supplies iron castings, principally for the automotive, railway and general engineering industries.

William Lee made profits before interest and tax of £726,000 in the year to end-April 1990. Since 1986, more than £3 million has been invested in plant.

Of the total consideration, £1 million is for land and buildings, £2.03 million for plant, machinery and other fixed assets and £800,000 for stock.

# CRA buys out rest of Wafi project

By COLIN CAMPBELL

CRA, the Australian mining group, has agreed to buy for an undisclosed sum from NZ Forest Products the 45 per cent of the Wafi gold project in Papua New Guinea, that it does not already own.

CRA, which is a 49 per cent owned Australian associate of RTZ, reported net attributable profits of Aus$472.5 million (£193 million) for the year ended December 31 compared with A$648.5 million in 1989.

The company has deconsolidated its 53.6 per cent stake in Bougainville Copper — the Papua New Guinea copper-gold-silver mine whose operations have been suspended because of arson attacks — and written off Aus$70 million in its 1990 accounts.

The company's total dividend for the year is cut from 58 cents to 44 cents a share.

Wafi, located in Papua New Guinea's Morobe province, was discovered by CRA in 1980 and developed as a joint venture with the New Zealand company in 1988. CRA said a relatively high grade of copper mineralisation was found at the project late last year.

RTZ's year end results are due on March 21.

## MS hit by Gulf spending switch

Shares in MS International fell by 20p to 33p after a warning from Michael Bell, the chairman, that profits for the current year would be "considerably lower" than those for last year. They recovered to 40p.

MS, whose year ends in April, is thought to have had a particularly bad third quarter, with its engineering operations feeling the effects of the recession, and its defence-related activities badly hit by the impact of the war in the Gulf. Ministry of Defence orders for naval spares evaporated as the Government concentrated its spending on the tanks and planes required for battle.

## Seton £3m deal

Seton Healthcare Group, the medical supplies and sporting goods company, is acquiring Ultra Laboratories, which makes and distributes the "Lyofoam" brand of primary wound dressings, for a maximum of £3.3 million in cash and shares. Ultra made pre-tax profits of £111,000 in the year to the end of December 1989, on turnover of £1.36 million and had net assets of £266,000.

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## LEGAL NOTICES

# BROADCASTING ACT 1990
# COPYRIGHT TRIBUNAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Rule 41A (3) of the Copyright Tribunal (Amendment) Rules 1991, of applications to the Copyright Tribunal under paragraph 5(1) of Schedule 17 to the Broadcasting Act 1990 by the persons whose names and addresses appear in Schedules 1-4 to this notice (hereinafter called "the Applicants").

Copies of the Notices of Application have been served on the persons providing the programme services or their assignees as specified in the headings to Schedules 1-4 to this notice (hereinafter called "the Copyright Owners").

The dispute relates to the terms of payment proposed by the Copyright Owners to the Applicants for the use as of right by the Applicants of copyright information relating to the titles and times of inclusion of the programmes which are to be, or may be included in the television programme services provided by the persons specified in the headings to Schedules 1-4 to this notice.

The Tribunal may order that similar applications under the Broadcasting Act 1990 shall be considered together and give consequential directions.

ANY ORGANISATION OR PERSON wishing to object to the credentials of any of the Applicants or wishing to be made a party to the proceedings should apply to the undersigned in the manner prescribed by Rule 23 of The Copyright Tribunal Rules 1989 not later than 29 March 1991.

C A BROOK, Secretary, Copyright Tribunal, Room 1509, State House, 66-71 High Holborn, London WC1R 4TP

### SCHEDULE 1

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Ketley, Telford
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Huddersfield Newspapers Ltd
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The Tamworth Herald Co Ltd
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Tamworth
Staffs B79 7DP

The Halifax Courier Ltd
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Courier Buildings
King Cross Street
Halifax HX1 2SF

West Sussex County Times
14-16 Market Square
Horsham
West Sussex RH12 1HD

The Hinckley Times
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Hinckley
Leicestershire
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Home Counties Newspapers
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Herts AL1 5HX

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Mold, Clwyd CH7 1XY

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Holdings Ltd
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Weston Mercury
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BS23 1LW

Leicester Mercury
St George Street
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North Devon Journal
96 High Street
Barnstaple
Devon EX31 1HT

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Drake Street
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Lancs OL16 1PH

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Group Ltd
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West Yorkshire
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Newspaper Ltd
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The Western Morning News Co
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Mercury Group
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## COMPANY BRIEFS

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|---|---|
| **GASKELL** (Fin)<br>Pre-tax: £1.33m (£2.14m)<br>EPS: 16.1p (27.9p)<br>Div: 5.5p, mkg 8.5p | Previous total dividend was 8.3p. Turnover £40.3m (£37.6m). Exceptional debit of £246,000. Demand continues to be depressed. |
| **PICT PETROLEUM** (Int)<br>Pre-tax: £3.13m (£1.34m)<br>EPS: 8.49p (3.64p)<br>Div: Nil | Turnover advanced to £7.06m (£4.46m). Production from Ivanhoe, Rob Roy and Hamish oilfields is still well above expectations. |
| **BAILEY (BEN)** (Int)<br>Pre-tax: £326,000<br>EPS: 2p (6.59p)<br>Div: 0.3p (0.5p) | Previous pre-tax profit was £1.05m. Board does not expect improvement in trading margins in current year. Turnover fell to £7.51m (£8.18m). |
| **MUCKLOW (A&J)** (Int)<br>Pre-tax: £5.3m (£5.17m)<br>EPS: 3.78p (3.77p)<br>Div: 2.565p (2.23p) | Interest payments rose to £2.42m (£1.45m). Investment income was £721,000 (£327,000). Gross rents climbed to £7.12m (£5.92m). |
| **PRINCIPAL HOTELS** (Int)<br>Pre-tax: £841,000<br>EPS: 1.96p (1.67p)<br>Div: Nil (1p) | Previous pre-tax profit, £425,000. Company plans to change its year-end to October 31. Turnover stood at £11m (£11.6m). |
| **PACIFIC PROPERTY** (Int)<br>Pre-tax: Loss £6,409<br>LPS: 0.12p (EPS: 0.33p)<br>Div: Nil | Comparative figures are for five months. Previous pre-tax profit was £102,593. Net asset value a share was 35.66p (59.0p). |
| **MTL INSTRUMENTS** (Fin)<br>Pre-tax: £3.77m (£3.08m)<br>EPS: 13.69p (11.34p)<br>Div: 1.6p, mkg 2.8p | Previous total dividend was 2.4p. Turnover grew to £14m (£11.9m). MTL's cash balance now £4.7m. Interest gain £743,000 (£527,000). |
| **RENISHAW** (Int)<br>Pre-tax: £5.43m (£5.4m)<br>EPS: 7.64p (£7.63m)<br>Div: 2.0p (1.6p) | Turnover was static at £22.1m. A company has been established in Spain and further overseas developments are planned. |

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| | Series | Calls Apr | Calls Jul | Calls Oct | Puts Apr | Puts Jul | Puts Oct |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alld Lyons | 460 | 81 | 87 | 98 | 2½ | 7 | 10 |
| (*532) | 500 | 46 | 55 | 68 | 6½ | 16 | 21 |
| | 550 | 13 | 26 | 42 | 28 | 39 | 43 |
| ASDA | 120 | 21 | 27 | 27 | 1 | 3 | 5 |
| (*137) | 130 | 13 | 19 | 20 | 3 | 6 | 8 |
| | 140 | 7 | 13 | 15 | 8 | 11 | 12 |
| Bass | 1050 | 55 | 88 | 115 | 22 | 44 | 55 |
| (*1064) | 1100 | 28 | 60 | 90 | 50 | 70 | 75 |
| | 1150 | 12 | – | – | 88 | – | – |
| Boots | 300 | 60 | 65 | 69 | 1 | 3½ | 5 |
| (*353) | 330 | 32 | 40 | 47 | 3½ | 10 | 13 |
| | 360 | 12½ | 20 | 30 | 13 | 22 | 24 |
| Br Airways | 140 | 34 | 36 | 38 | 1½ | 4 | 6 |
| (*170) | 160 | 18 | 21 | 24 | 5 | 10 | 14 |
| | 180 | 6 | 10 | 15 | 15 | 23 | 24 |
| BP | 300 | 41 | 49 | 53 | 2½ | 6 | 9½ |
| (*335) | 330 | 17 | 27 | 34 | 8½ | 14 | 20 |
| | 360 | 4½ | 13 | 20 | 28 | 30 | 35 |
| Br Steel | 130 | 14 | 18 | 19 | 3 | 5½ | 6 |
| (*141) | 140 | 7½ | 11½ | 14 | 5 | 10 | 10½ |
| | 160 | 2 | 4½ | 7 | 20 | 23 | 24 |
| C & W | 460 | 85 | 97 | 110 | 2½ | 8 | 12 |
| (*535) | 500 | 52 | 65 | 78 | 9 | 19 | 22 |
| | 550 | 20 | 36 | 50 | 29 | 40 | 45 |
| CU | 460 | 70 | 77 | 82 | 3 | 9 | 15 |
| (*527) | 500 | 32 | 47 | 55 | 13 | 22 | 29 |
| | 550 | 7 | 25 | 32 | 45 | 51 | 59 |
| Courtauld | 330 | 60 | 64 | 74 | 1½ | 4½ | 6½ |
| (*386) | 360 | 33 | 40 | 51 | 5 | 12 | 15 |
| | 390 | 13 | 22 | 33 | 16 | 25 | 27 |
| GKN | 330 | 52 | 57 | 59 | 3 | 7 | 12 |
| (*377) | 360 | 22 | 37 | 40 | 10 | 17 | 22 |
| | 390 | 9 | 22 | 27 | 27 | 32 | 36 |
| Grand Met. | 650 | 104 | 124 | 138 | 3 | 11 | 15 |
| (*737) | 700 | 58 | 85 | 103 | 11 | 25 | 32 |
| | 750 | 27 | 53 | 73 | 30 | 43 | 47 |
| ICI | 1000 | 87 | 119 | 132 | 17 | 34 | 47 |
| (*1072) | 1050 | 42 | 89 | 104 | 35 | 50 | 67 |
| | 1100 | 22 | 60 | 82 | 69 | 77 | 95 |
| Kingfisher | 390 | 59 | 69 | 79 | 1½ | 9 | 12 |
| (*439) | 420 | 34 | 45 | 56 | 7 | 17 | 21 |
| | 460 | 13 | 26 | 35 | 28 | 38 | 37 |
| Ladbroke | 240 | 34 | 35 | 47 | 6 | 10 | 14 |
| (*264) | 260 | 18 | 25 | 35 | 9½ | 19 | 24 |
| | 280 | 8 | 16 | 24 | 21 | 30 | 37 |
| Land Sec | 500 | 62 | 71 | 80 | 3 | 7 | 11 |
| (*548) | 550 | 24 | 34 | 47 | 14 | 25 | 29 |
| | 600 | 5 | 13 | 25 | 49 | 58 | 62 |
| M & S | 220 | 29 | 33 | 40 | 1 | 6 | 7½ |
| (*243) | 240 | 14 | 20 | 27 | 7 | 13 | 16 |
| | 260 | 4½ | 11 | 17 | 19 | 24 | 27 |
| Sainsbury | 300 | 41 | 47 | 57 | 1 | 5 | 7 |
| (*332) | 330 | 17 | 26 | 36 | 8 | 14 | 17 |
| | 360 | 4½ | 12 | 21 | 29 | 33 | 34 |
| Shell | 420 | 72 | 87 | 95 | 2½ | 5 | 7 |
| (*481) | 460 | 37 | 52 | 65 | 7 | 11 | 15 |
| | 500 | 11 | 29 | 37 | 25 | 30 | 34 |
| Smkl Beech | 650 | 106 | 125 | 140 | 2½ | 9 | 15 |
| (*745) | 700 | 63 | 87 | 105 | 9 | 21 | 27 |
| | 750 | 30 | 55 | 76 | 28 | 40 | 48 |
| Storehse | 110 | 11 | 15 | 18 | 5 | 8 | 10½ |
| (*115) | 120 | 5½ | 9 | 13 | 9 | 14 | 16 |
| | 130 | 3 | 5½ | – | 17 | 21 | – |
| Trafalgar | 220 | 45 | 48 | 57 | 3 | 9½ | 13 |
| (*261) | 240 | 30 | 35 | 45 | 6½ | 17 | 23 |
| | 260 | 17 | 25 | 34 | 14 | 28 | 32 |
| Ultramar | 300 | 38 | 50 | 57 | 4 | 7 | 10 |
| (*340) | 330 | 16 | 30 | 40 | 14 | 16 | 22 |
| | 360 | 6 | 14 | 25 | 35 | 35 | 37 |
| Unilever | 600 | 145 | 147 | – | 2 | 4 | – |
| (*732) | 650 | 95 | 107 | 125 | 5 | 10 | 14 |
| | 700 | 48 | 68 | 87 | 12 | 20 | 25 |
| | 750 | 17 | 40 | 60 | 37 | 45 | 50 |
| Utd Bisc | 330 | 51 | 58 | 66 | 2 | 4½ | 6 |
| (*377) | 360 | 22 | 36 | 44 | 7 | 11 | 14 |
| | 390 | 6 | 18 | 27 | 24 | 26 | 29 |

| | Series | May | Aug | Nov | May | Aug | Nov |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| BAA | 390 | 50 | 58 | 70 | 6 | 14 | 17 |
| (*420) | 420 | 30 | 38 | 52 | 17 | 27 | 30 |
| | 460 | 12 | – | – | 40 | – | – |
| BAT Ind | 550 | 170 | 170 | – | 2 | 4½ | – |
| (*711) | 600 | 120 | 127 | 140 | 4 | 10 | 15 |
| | 650 | 78 | 87 | 103 | 11 | 22 | 27 |
| | 700 | 43 | 58 | 77 | 28 | 41 | 43 |
| BTR | 360 | 43 | 57 | 62 | 7 | 12 | 16 |
| (*395) | 390 | 23 | 37 | 44 | 20 | 23 | 28 |
| | 420 | 12 | 22 | 32 | 36 | 41 | 44 |
| Br Aero | 550 | 97 | 112 | 123 | 8 | 14 | 20 |
| (*645) | 600 | 55 | 77 | 87 | 22 | 30 | 35 |
| | 650 | 27 | 52 | 65 | 45 | 50 | 57 |
| Br Telecm | 280 | 62 | 66 | 70 | 1 | 4 | 5 |
| (*331) | 300 | 45 | 50 | 55 | 3 | 8 | 9 |
| | 330 | 21 | 28 | 35 | 11 | 18 | 29 |
| Cadbury | 330 | 48 | 61 | 67 | 3½ | 6 | 8 |
| (*376) | 360 | 26 | 40 | 47 | 11 | 15 | 18 |
| | 390 | 9½ | 21 | 34 | 30 | 32 | 34 |
| Guinness | 750 | 92 | 113 | 127 | 10 | 19 | 22 |
| (*825) | 800 | 53 | 80 | 93 | 25 | 36 | 42 |
| | 850 | 26 | 53 | 68 | 55 | 62 | 65 |
| GEC | 180 | 34 | 37 | 39 | 1½ | 4 | 5½ |
| (*213) | 200 | 18 | 21 | 26 | 5 | 9½ | 10 |
| | 220 | 7½ | 11 | 15 | 15 | 21 | 23 |
| Hanson | 200 | 33 | 37 | 43 | 2 | 4 | 5 |
| (*225) | 220 | 18 | 23 | 29 | 6 | 10 | 11½ |
| | 240 | 7½ | 13 | 19 | 17 | 21 | 22 |
| LASMO | 330 | 55 | 67 | 78 | 5 | 9 | 13 |
| (*380) | 360 | 35 | 47 | 58 | 12 | 18 | 23 |
| | 390 | 20 | 33 | 42 | 30 | 35 | 37 |
| P & O | 500 | 125 | 127 | – | 3 | 6 | – |
| (*610) | 550 | 77 | 85 | 88 | 9½ | 15 | 23 |
| | 600 | 38 | 53 | 58 | 28 | 33 | 43 |
| Pilkington | 160 | 37 | 39 | 41 | 2½ | 6½ | 7½ |
| (*190) | 180 | 23 | 23 | 29 | 7 | 14 | 16 |
| | 200 | 11 | 13 | 19 | 16 | 23 | 27 |

| | Series | Calls May | Calls Aug | Calls Nov | Puts May | Puts Aug | Puts Nov |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Prudential | 200 | 31 | 35 | 39 | 2½ | 5½ | 7½ |
| (*226) | 220 | 14 | 21 | 26 | 9½ | 13 | 16 |
| | 240 | 5½ | 12½ | 16 | 23 | 25 | 27 |
| Racal | 180 | 32 | 36 | 41 | 4 | 7 | 9 |
| (*203) | 200 | 18 | 24 | 30 | 9½ | 14 | 17 |
| | 220 | 9 | 15 | 21 | 22 | 25 | 27 |
| | 240 | 4½ | – | – | 39 | – | – |
| RTZ | 420 | 127 | 135 | – | 2½ | 4 | – |
| (*538) | 460 | 87 | 95 | 102 | 6 | 9 | 13 |
| | 500 | 50 | 67 | 78 | 14 | 20 | 25 |
| | 550 | 19 | 38 | 50 | 37 | 43 | 47 |
| Scot New | 330 | 73 | 80 | – | 2 | 5½ | – |
| (*394) | 360 | 47 | 55 | 61 | 5 | 12 | 15 |
| | 390 | 25 | 35 | 43 | 17 | 24 | 26 |
| | 420 | 13 | 20 | 29 | 37 | 41 | 43 |
| Tesco | 214 | 43 | 47 | – | 2 | 4 | – |
| (*253) | 233 | 26 | 32 | – | 4 | 6½ | – |
| | 253 | 12 | 18 | – | 12 | 15 | – |
| Thames W. | 280 | 38 | 42 | 46 | 4½ | 9 | 11 |
| (*304) | 300 | 23 | 28 | 32 | 9 | 16 | 19 |
| | 330 | 9 | 13 | 17 | 26 | 32 | 35 |
| Lucas | 140 | 31 | 36 | 39 | 3 | 5 | 7 |
| (*168) | 160 | 15 | 22 | 25 | 8 | 12 | 14 |
| | 180 | 6 | 11 | 15 | 19 | 22 | 25 |

| | Series | Apr | Jul | Oct | Apr | Jul | Oct |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Fisons | 390 | 78 | 88 | 100 | 1½ | 5½ | 7½ |
| (*461) | 420 | 52 | 66 | 78 | 6 | 10 | 14 |
| | 460 | 22 | 40 | 52 | 18 | 26 | 29 |

| | Series | Mar | Jun | Sep | Mar | Jun | Sep |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Abbey Nat. | 220 | 54 | 54 | 56 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| (*272) | 240 | 34 | 36 | 41 | 1 | 4½ | 7 |
| | 260 | 14 | 22 | 27 | 4½ | 10 | 14 |
| Amstrad | 60 | 13 | 16 | 19 | 1 | 3½ | 5½ |
| (*71) | 70 | 3½ | 9 | 11 | 3½ | 6 | 8 |
| | 80 | 1 | – | – | 10 | – | – |
| Barclays | 390 | 63 | 63 | 73 | 2½ | 7½ | 14 |
| (*447) | 420 | 32 | 43 | 52 | 6 | 16 | 23 |
| | 460 | 6 | 22 | 31 | 31 | 35 | 40 |
| Blue Circ | 240 | 32 | 37 | 43 | 1½ | 8 | 13 |
| (*267) | 260 | 15 | 24 | 31 | 5½ | 17 | 22 |
| | 280 | 5 | 14 | 20 | 17 | 28 | 32 |
| Br Gas | 220 | 30 | 38 | 42 | 1 | 2½ | 5 |
| (*249) | 240 | 12 | 23 | 26 | 3 | 7 | 11 |
| | 260 | 3 | 12 | 14 | 14 | 16 | 22 |
| Dixons | 160 | 22 | 33 | 33 | 1 | 4½ | 7 |
| (*179) | 180 | 8 | 17 | 22 | 6 | 11 | 16 |
| | 200 | 3 | 8 | 12 | 20 | 23 | 26 |
| Glaxo | 950 | 72 | 110 | – | 5 | 23 | – |
| (*1009) | 1000 | 33 | 77 | – | 19 | 42 | – |
| | 1050 | 12 | 52 | – | 49 | 67 | – |
| Hawker | 460 | 107 | 115 | 120 | 1 | 8 | 14 |
| (*554) | 500 | 68 | 77 | 93 | 3 | 17 | 25 |
| | 550 | 27 | 42 | 65 | 14 | 40 | 47 |
| Hillsdown | 180 | 54 | 57 | 60 | 1 | 3½ | 6 |
| (*231) | 200 | 34 | 38 | 46 | 2 | 8 | 12 |
| | 220 | 18 | 24 | 34 | 5 | 15 | 20 |
| Lonrho | 200 | 46 | 53 | 57 | 1½ | 3 | 7 |
| (*242) | 220 | 25 | 36 | 40 | 3 | 7 | 11 |
| | 240 | 8 | 21 | 27 | 7 | 14 | 19 |
| Midland | 160 | 31 | 37 | 41 | 2 | 5 | 8½ |
| (*189) | 180 | 12 | 23 | 27 | 5 | 10 | 16 |
| | 200 | 3 | 13 | 15 | 16 | 21 | 28 |
| | 220 | 1 | 7 | 10 | 35 | 36 | 43 |
| Reuter | 750 | 110 | – | 148 | 5 | – | 37 |
| (*859) | 800 | 60 | – | 123 | 14 | – | 50 |
| | 850 | 25 | – | 90 | 40 | – | 75 |
| R-Royce | 160 | 3½ | 10 | 15 | 12 | 15 | 17 |
| (*158) | 180 | 1 | 4½ | 7 | 31 | 31 | 32 |
| | 200 | ½ | 2 | – | 50 | 51 | – |
| Sears | 80 | 16½ | 18½ | 19 | 1 | 3 | 3½ |
| (*94) | 90 | 6½ | 10 | 12 | 1½ | 6 | 7 |
| | 100 | 1½ | 5 | 7½ | 6½ | 11 | 13 |
| THF | 260 | 22 | 28 | 35 | 3 | 10 | 14 |
| (*275) | 280 | 8½ | 16 | 24 | 9 | 20 | 23 |
| | 300 | 3 | 10 | 16 | 18 | 33 | 36 |
| Thorn EMI | 600 | 148 | 170 | 170 | 1 | 2 | 5 |
| (*744) | 650 | 98 | 125 | 125 | 1 | 6 | 15 |
| | 700 | 52 | 78 | 82 | 3 | 16 | 27 |
| | 750 | 17 | 48 | 53 | 20 | 32 | 48 |
| TSB | 130 | 28 | 32 | 36 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| (*155) | 140 | 19 | 24 | 28 | 1 | 3 | 5½ |
| | 160 | 3½ | 10 | 14 | 6 | 9 | 12 |
| Vaal Reefs | 50 | 13 | 16 | 18 | 1 | 4 | 6 |
| (*$61) | 60 | 5 | 11 | 13 | 4 | 8 | 10 |
| Wellcome | 460 | 67 | 87 | 105 | 2 | 10 | 16 |
| (*519) | 500 | 33 | 57 | 77 | 7 | 23 | 28 |
| | 550 | 8 | 35 | 52 | 37 | 47 | 54 |

| | Series | Mar | May | Aug | Mar | May | Aug |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Eastn Elec | 140 | 32 | 37 | 40 | 1 | 2½ | 4½ |
| (*170) | 160 | 14 | 20 | 23 | 2½ | 7 | 9 |
| | 180 | 2 | 9 | 12 | 11 | 14 | 21 |
| Sthn Elec. | 140 | 42 | 47 | – | 1½ | 2½ | – |
| (*180) | 160 | 23 | 29 | – | 2 | 4 | – |
| | 180 | 7 | 13 | – | 5 | 9 | – |
| Elec Pack | 1800 | 140 | 190 | – | 25 | 60 | – |
| (*£1895) | 1850 | 100 | 150 | – | 40 | 70 | – |
| | 1900 | 70 | 120 | – | 70 | 90 | – |

FT-SE INDEX (*£2439)

| | 2250 | 2300 | 2350 | 2400 | 2450 | 2500 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Calls | | | | | | |
| Mar | 207 | 162 | 120 | 76 | 45 | 24 |
| Apr | 228 | 183 | 145 | 110 | 77 | 53 |
| May | 243 | 200 | 178 | 130 | 97 | 73 |
| Jun | 264 | 225 | 188 | 155 | 125 | 98 |
| Dec | — | 310 | — | 250 | — | 198 |
| Puts | | | | | | |
| Mar | 4½ | 7 | 13 | 23 | 43 | 76 |
| Apr | 14½ | 23 | 32 | 45 | 65 | 95 |
| May | 23 | 30 | 42 | 61 | 74 | 97 |
| Jun | 29 | 37 | 51 | 67 | 87 | 113 |
| Dec | — | 78 | — | 115 | — | 150 |

March 7, 1991 Total: 42619 Calls 30641 Puts 11978 FT-SE: Calls 8552 Puts 5311
*Underlying security price.

INVESTORS CHRONICLE
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# Tern to call in receivers

By Matthew Bond

TERN, the construction and property development group, is to go into receivership. The announcement came two days after Tern's shares were suspended.

The decision to call in receivers was taken after Lloyds Bank, the company's principal banker, rejected refinancing proposals put forward by the Tern board, led by Peter Hickson, chief executive.

The board's proposals involved the bank swapping debt for equity and the injection of fresh working capital.

Although Tern's existing businesses are in construction and property development, its financial problems date back more than three years to when the company embarked on an ill-fated foray into residential estate agency.

In 1989 it made a pre-tax loss of £5 million, with more than £3 million of the loss attributable to Tern Property Services. In all, Tern lost about £14 million through its involvement in estate agency.

These losses finally came to an end last May when Tern sold its remaining 50 per cent stake in TPS to Equity & Law Life Assurance for £2.8 million. E&L had bought the first 50 per cent in September 1989 for £5 million.

Initially, the disposal appeared to halt the losses. Last August the company reported a return to profits in the first half of 1990, with pre-tax profits of £136,000.

# John Lewis warning follows 17% decline

By Gillian Bowditch

Fight at hand: Peter Lewis forecasts a tough year

JOHN Lewis Partnership, the unquoted department store group that provides a benchmark for the performance of the retail industry, saw pre-tax profits fall 17 per cent last year. The group has given warning of a tough year ahead.

Peter Lewis, the chairman, told employees, who are shareholders and therefore known as "partners", that the business would have a "real fight on its hands this year to prevent a further fall in profits". He added: "The evidence is already about us that customers are slow to spend, while our costs, and that very largely means the pay of partners, will continue to rise."

Pre-tax profits for the year to end-January were £91.5 million (£110 million). Sales rose 6 per cent to £2.1 billion. The interest charge rose to £18.4 million (£13.6 million) and the partnership bonus is 12 per cent (17 per cent) of annual pay.

John Lewis operates 22 department stores and 94 Waitrose supermarkets. Sales at Waitrose rose 8 per cent to £1.04 billion, while those at the department store chain rose 4 per cent to £1.08 billion. Sales at the wholesale and manufacturing division fell 7 per cent to £42.1 million.

Mr Lewis said £33.1 million in bonuses was to be divided among 33,000 partners. He said that in a "remarkably tough year" the fall in profits was partly the result of the costs of closing Jones Brothers and Pratts and opening a John Lewis store at Kingston upon Thames, London. Interest payments rose and borrowings were up £42 million to £182 million.

Mr Lewis said, however, that the group's performance in the current environment was not a bad one. "By comparison with the high number of business failures daily reported, and of retailers with losses, this outcome . . . is to be welcomed."

# Chemical industry boosts green image

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

CAPITAL investment by British chemical companies on environmental improvements has doubled over the past five years, according to a forthcoming analysis on investment in the industry.

A detailed account and future forecasts of the industry's investment spending to be published next month by the Chemical Industries Association will give separate figures for environmental spending by chemical firms.

The association's investment intentions survey will show that environmental investment has risen from about up to 10 per cent of overall investment in 1985 to some 20 per cent now.

The survey is expected to show that while capital investment in the industry overall is down — it is unlikely to match last year's record £7.5 billion — investment spending on health and safety and environmental matters has been maintained.

The chemical industry yesterday launched the latest version of its "responsible care" environmental campaign, two years to the day after it was first announced.

The campaign, modelled on a Canadian programme, for the first time sets out detailed performance monitors on environmental issues. These include measures of annual tonnage of special-list substances used, the creation of an environmental index based on criteria specific to each chemical site, and recording energy consumption and customer complaints. The association will use the figures obtained to set performance standards on which the industry will be expected to improve. Some 215 chemical companies have joined the scheme.

The EC has set out for consultation a draft proposal for annual environmental audits, but the association said yesterday that the proposals amounted to "overkill".

# Hardwicke boosts MTM final

By Our City Staff

PRE-TAX profits at MTM, the fine chemicals group, surged 46 per cent to £13.6 million in 1990, boosted by a contribution from Hardwicke Chemical, the American company it purchased for $112 million in November.

Richard Lines, the chairman, says the group achieved its forecast made at the time of the bid, £12.5 million before tax, excluding Hardwicke. Organic growth was about 17 per cent.

Earnings per share, on capital enlarged by the £49.5 million rights issue to finance the Hardwicke acquisition, rise to 19.5p (16.8p) and the final dividend is 3.4p, making 5.1p (4.2p).

WORLDWIDE SPECIALISED ENGINEERING

TI Group — Full Year 1990

| | | 1990 | 1989 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Pre-tax profit | UP | £128.4m | £111.5m |
| Earnings per share | UP | 55.5p | 49.0p |
| Dividend | UP | 19.5p | 17.5p |

For further information about the TI Group, contact the Department of Public Affairs, TI Group plc, 50 Curzon Street, London W1Y 7PN.

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** Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return) ● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. ● Cum all (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday.

# UNLISTED SECURITIES

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● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment h Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

# INVESTMENT TRUSTS

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# MONEY MARKETS

**Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 93.7 (day's range 93.6-93.7).**

## STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

| Mid Rates for March 7 | Range | Close | 1 month | 3 month |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| New Yrk | 1.8865-1.8930 | 1.8865-1.8875 | 0.99-0.97pr | 2.63-2.62pr |
| Montrl | 2.1842-2.1959 | 2.1855-2.1865 | 0.58-0.54pr | 1.09-1.02pr |
| Amsterdm | 3.2826-3.2965 | 3.2929-3.2965 | 1½-1pr | 2⅞-1⅞pr |
| Brussels | 59.91-60.23 | 60.01-60.23 | 21-15pr | 40-33pr |
| Copnhgn | 11.1831-11.2231 | 11.1983-11.2231 | 2¼-2⅞pr | 6½-5⅞pr |
| Dublin | 1.0930-1.0955 | 1.0945-1.0965 | 21-16pr | 50-41pr |
| Frankft | 2.9135-2.9220 | 2.9185-2.9220 | 1-⅞pr | 2½-2⅜pr |
| Lisbon | 252.79-254.50 | 252.79-253.87 | 9-29ds | 134-174ds |
| Madrid | 180.97-181.96 | 181.29-181.96 | 24-29ds | 70-81ds |
| Milan | 2174.38-2183.84 | 2176.91-2183.84 | 2pr-par | 2pr-par |
| Oslo | 11.3740-11.4111 | 11.3758-11.4005 | 2¼-1⅞pr | 4½-3⅝pr |
| Paris | 9.9207-9.9528 | 9.9381-9.9528 | 3-2⅞pr | 7⅝-7pr |
| Stckhlm | 10.7955-10.8393 | 10.7963-10.8229 | 1-⅝pr | 1⅞-⅝pr |
| Tokyo | 256.28-257.81 | 256.28-256.61 | 1-⅞pr | 2⅞-2⅝pr |
| Vienna | 20.4838-20.5360 | 20.5063-20.5360 | 7-5⅞pr | 17-14⅞pr |
| Zurich | 2.5371-2.5518 | 2.5439-2.5472 | 1⅝-⅝pr | 2⅞-2⅝pr |

*Source: Extel* *Premium = pr. Discount = ds.*

## MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 13 Finance Hse 14

Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 13½ Low 12½ Week fixed: 13

Treasury Bills (Dis):Buy: 2 mth 12 1/16 ; 3 mth 11 27/32. Sell: 2 mth 11 15/16; 3 mth: 11⅞.

| | 1 mth | 2 mth | 3 mth | 6 mth | 12 mth |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Prime Bank Bills (Dis): | 12 5/16-12⅛ | 12⅛-12 1/16 | 11⅞-11 13/16 | 11 3/16-11⅛ | |
| Trade Bills (Dis): | 13 3/16 | 12⅞ | 12½ | 11 13/16 | |
| Interbank: | 12 21/32-15/16 | 12 11/16-12⅝ | 12⅝-12 7/16 | 12-12 | 11⅞-11 11/16 |
| (Overnight: open 13⅛, close 13.) | | | | | |
| Local Authority Deps: | 13 | n/a | 12 9/16 | 12 | 11 11/16 |
| Sterling CDs: | 12 15/16-12⅞ | 12 11/16-12 9/16 | 12½-12⅜ | 12 1/16-11⅞ | 11 11/16-9/16 |
| Dollar CDs: | 6.77-6.72 | 6.72-6.67 | 6.70-6.65 | 6.72-6.67 | 7.07-7.02 |
| Building Society CDs: | 13-12 15/16 | 12¾-12⅝ | 12 9/16-7/16 | 12 1/16-12 | 11⅞-11¾ |

### EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

| Currency | 7 day | 1 mth | 3 mth | 6 mth | Call |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Dollar: | 6 7/16-6 5/16 | 6⅜-6 5/16 | 6 13/16-6⅝ | 6 13/16-6⅝ | 6⅞-6⅜ |
| Deutschemark: | 9-8⅞ | 9-8⅞ | 9 1/16-8 15/16 | 9 1/16-8 15/16 | 8½-7½ |
| French Franc: | 9⅝-9¼ | 9⅝-9¼ | 9½-9⅜ | 9½-9⅜ | 9½-8½ |
| Swiss Franc: | 8½-8 | 8⅞-8 | 8 1/16-7 15/16 | 8-7⅞ | 8-7 |
| Yen: | 10-9⅞ | 9⅞-9⅞ | 9⅞-9⅞ | 9⅝-9½ | 7¾-6⅞ |

## GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS

*(Baird & Co)*

Bullion: Open $365.75-366.25 Close: $366.30-366.80 High: $366.50-367.00

Low: $365.75-366.25 Krugerrand: $366.00-367.00 (£193.75-194.75)

Sovereigns: Old $92.00-93.50 (£47.50-49.00) New $87.50-89.00 (£45.50-46.50)

Platinum: $401.00 (£212.05) Silver: $3.94 (£2.085) Palladium: $84.10 (£44.45)

## OTHER STERLING RATES

| | |
|---|---|
| Argentina austral* | 17602.4-17701.6 |
| Australia dollar | 2.4615-2.4651 |
| Bahrain dinar | n/a |
| Brazil cruzeiro* | 428.339-428.829 |
| Cyprus pound | 0.826-0.836 |
| Finland marka | 7.0025-7.0625 |
| Greece drachma | 312.90-316.10 |
| Hong Kong dollar | 14.7288-14.7385 |
| India rupee | 35.86-36.26 |
| Kuwait dinar KD | n/a |
| Malaysia ringgit | 5.1579-5.1625 |
| Mexico peso | 5550-5650 |
| New Zealand dollar | 3.1768-3.1859 |
| Saudi Arabia riyal | n/a |
| Singapore dollar | 3.2912-3.2949 |
| S Africa rand (fin) | 5.8599-6.0587 |
| S Africa rand (com) | 4.8958-4.9039 |
| U A E dirham | n/a |

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank.*

## DOLLAR SPOT RATES

| | |
|---|---|
| Ireland | 1.7285-1.7290 |
| Singapore | 1.7399-1.7409 |
| Malaysia | 2.7288-2.7298 |
| Australia | 1.3022-1.3034 |
| Canada | 1.1588-1.1598 |
| Sweden | 5.7200-5.7250 |
| Norway | 6.0250-6.0300 |
| Denmark | 5.9250-5.9300 |
| W Germany | 1.5412-1.5419 |
| Switzerland | 1.3448-1.3451 |
| Netherlands | 1.7368-1.7366 |
| France | 5.2450-5.2500 |
| Japan | 135.65-135.75 |
| Italy | 1151.5-1152.5 |
| Belgium (Com) | 31.75-31.80 |
| Hong Kong | 7.7922-7.7932 |
| Portugal | 134.30-134.50 |
| Spain | 96.17-96.27 |
| Austria | 10.87-10.89 |

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Dec 31, 1990 Agreed rates Jan 28, 1991 to Feb 25, 1991 Scheme I: 14.54%. Schemes II & III: 15.09%. Reference rate Dec 1, 1990 to Dec 31, 1990 Scheme IV & V: 13.843%.

## LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

| | Period | Open | High | Low | Close | Volume |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **FT-SE 100**<br>Previous open interest: 38159 | Mar 91 | 2459.0 | 2467.0 | 2439.0 | 2440.0 | 6958 |
| | Jun 91 | 2495.0 | 2509.0 | 2479.0 | 2480.0 | 1219 |
| | Sep 91 | - | - | - | 2512.0 | 9 |
| **Three Month Sterling**<br>Previous open interest: 146224 | Mar 91 | 87.84 | 87.88 | 87.82 | 87.88 | 8180 |
| | Jun 91 | 88.76 | 88.82 | 88.74 | 88.80 | 20290 |
| | Sep 91 | 89.27 | 89.31 | 89.24 | 89.30 | 2690 |
| **Three Month Eurodollar**<br>Previous open interest: 44768 | Mar 91 | 93.17 | 93.20 | 93.16 | 93.20 | 1469 |
| | Jun 91 | 93.15 | 93.20 | 93.16 | 93.20 | 2080 |
| **Three Month Euro DM**<br>Previous open interest: 98880 | Mar 91 | 90.98 | 90.97 | 90.93 | 90.96 | 1012 |
| | Jun 91 | 91.12 | 91.16 | 91.12 | 91.17 | 6886 |
| **US Treasury Bond**<br>Previous open interest: 5084 | Mar 91 | 95-15 | 95-29 | 95-13 | 95-25 | 894 |
| | Jun 91 | 94-22 | 95-05 | 94-20 | 95-01 | 1274 |
| **Long Gilt**<br>Previous open interest: 34058 | Mar 91 | 91-17 | 92-01 | 91-16 | 92-05 | 609 |
| | Jun 91 | 92-01 | 92-25 | 91-29 | 92-21 | 33187 |
| **Japanese Govt Bond**<br>Previous open interest: 298 | Jun 91 | 95.69 | 95.79 | 95.60 | 95.78 | 117 |
| | Jun 91 | | | | | 0 |
| **German Govt Bond**<br>Previous open interest: 65230 | Jun 91 | 85.70 | 85.98 | 85.58 | 85.94 | 88041 |
| | Sep 91 | 86.30 | 86.30 | 86.23 | 86.30 | 25 |
| **Three month ECU**<br>Previous open interest: 2855 | Mar 91 | 90.44 | 90.51 | 90.44 | 90.53 | 96 |
| | Jun 91 | 90.71 | 90.76 | 90.71 | 90.75 | 111 |

# COMMODITIES

### LONDON FOX

| COCOA | | COFFEE | | SUGAR (FOB) C Czarnikow | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mar | 670-646 | Mar | 549-545 | May | 209.6-07.6 |
| May | 674-673 | May | 566-568 | Aug | 209.2-04.4 |
| Jul | 701-700 | Jul | 582-581 | Oct | 202.0-00.0 |
| Sep | 722-721 | Sep | 594-593 | Dec | 202.0-99.0 |
| Dec | 745-744 | Nov | 609-606 | Mar | 193.0-91.0 |
| Mar | 768-767 | Jan | 626-620 | May | 196.6-91.2 |
| May | 794-792 | Mar | 642-635 | | |
| | Vol: 9181 | | Vol: 4646 | | Vol: 1687 |

### LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

| WHEAT Close (£/t) | | BARLEY Close (£/t) | | HI-PRO SOYA Close (£/t) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mar | 129.65 | Mar | 119.85 | Apr | 117.0-16.0 |
| May | 132.35 | May | 122.45 | Jun | 114.5-13.5 |
| Jun | 134.25 | Sep | 106.60 | Aug | 117.0-16.0 |
| Sep | 109.85 | Nov | 110.50 | Oct | 120.5-19.5 |
| Nov | 112.60 | Jan | 113.55 | Dec | 125.0-24.0 |
| Vol: | 356 | Vol: | 102 | Vol: | 100 |

### LONDON POTATO FUTURES

Volume: 286

| | Open | Close |
|---|---|---|
| Apr (£/tonne) | 131.6 | 121.1 |
| May | 165.0 | 164.8 |

### MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on March 7

| (p/kg lw) | Pig | Sheep | Cattle |
|---|---|---|---|
| GB: | 87.71 | 156.10 | 109.51 |
| (+/-) | -0.97 | +9.44 | -0.36 |
| Eng/Wales: | 87.77 | 156.89 | 109.02 |
| (+/-) | -1.12 | +9.10 | +0.04 |
| (%) | +3.8 | -38.7 | -17.5 |
| Scotland: | 81.58 | 151.98 | 108.21 |
| (+/-) | +4.09 | +9.04 | -2.75 |
| (%) | -45.9 | -60.9 | -39.7 |

* Estimated dead carcase weight

### LONDON MEAT FUTURES

Live Pig (£/kg)

Mar

Open: unq

Close: 113.5

Apr

Open: unq

Close: 111.6

May

Open: unq

Close: 111.2

Volume: 35

### LONDON OIL REPORTS (ICIS-LOR) - London 6.00pm:

The market languished in pre-Opec uncertainty.

### CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Brent Physical | 19.65 | -0.15 |
| Brent 15 day (Apr) | 19.25 | -0.05 |
| Brent 15 day (May) | 18.45 | -0.05 |
| W Texas Intermediate (Apr) | 19.85 | -0.10 |
| W Texas Intermediate (May) | 19.60 | -0.05 |

### PRODUCTS (Buy/sell $/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

| | Bid | Offer |
|---|---|---|
| Premium Gas 1.5 | 253 (-8) | 258 (-8) |
| Gasoil EEC | 190 (-20) | 195 (-17) |
| Non EEC 1H Mar | 210 (-8) | 211 (-8) |
| Non EEC 1H Apr | 182 (-2) | 183 (-5) |
| 3.5 Fuel Oil | 70 (-2) | 72 (-2) |
| Naphtha | 220 (-1) | 225 (-1) |

### IPE FUTURES

GAS OIL

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Mar | 168.50-69.00 | Jul | 165.50-64.00 |
| Apr | 174.00 BID | Aug | 167.50-64.00 |
| May | 166.50-66.00 | Sep | 169.50-67.00 |
| Jun | 164.00-63.00 | | Vol: 7210 |

BRENT

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Mar | 20.60-20.70 | May | 18.50-18.60 |
| Apr | 19.30-19.40 | | Vol: n/a |

### BIFFEX

GNI Freight Futures Dry Cargo ($10/pt)

| | High | Low | Close |
|---|---|---|---|
| Mar 91 | 1740 | 1725 | 1728 |
| Apr 91 | 1610 | 1574 | 1589 |
| Jul 91 | 1240 | 1200 | 1199 |
| Oct 91 | 1320 | 1295 | 1290 |

Vol: 939 lots Open interest: 4597

Dry cargo index 1757 +13

### LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)

| | Cash | 3mth | Rudolf Wolff |
|---|---|---|---|
| Copper Gde A (£/tonne) | 1284.0-1284.5 | 1292.0-1293.0 | Vol:899575 |
| Lead (£/tonne) | 316.00-316.50 | 329.00-329.50 | 158775 |
| Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne) | 1215.0-1216.0 | 1210.0-1211.0 | 274825 |
| Tin ($/tonne) | 5545.0-5547.0 | 5635.0-5642.0 | 8445 |
| Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne) | 1536.0-1537.0 | 1566.0-1567.0 | 16632 |
| Nickel ($/tonne): | 8445.0-8455.0 | 8450.0-8475.0 | 15480 |

### FOX MGMI INDEX

(6pm prices)

| | Bid | Offer |
|---|---|---|
| Mar | 156.20 | 156.90 |
| Apr | 156.70 | 157.20 |
| May | 156.70 | 157.20 |

Vol: 367

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## STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

# Investors take profits

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began February 25. Dealings end today. §Contango day March 11. Settlement day March 18.
§Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

**Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.**

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| No. | Company | Group | Gain or loss |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | News Intl | Newspapers,Pub | |
| 2 | Scot TV | Leisure | |
| 3 | Ratners Group | Drapery,Stores | |
| 4 | Fisher (James) | Transport | |
| 5 | LASMO | Oil,Gas | |
| 6 | Nthn Foods | Foods | |
| 7 | Stoddard | Textiles | |
| 8 | Wilkes (James) | Industrials S-Z | |
| 9 | Ross | Electricals | |
| 10 | Jarvis | Building,Roads | |
| 11 | Dalgety | Foods | |
| 12 | British Gas | Oil,Gas | |
| 13 | Wintrust | Banks,Discount | |
| 14 | Logica | Electricals | |
| 15 | Unigroup | Industrials S-Z | |
| 16 | Lawrence (Walter) | Building,Roads | |
| 17 | De La Rue | Industrials A-D | |
| 18 | Telfos | Industrials S-Z | |
| 19 | Rechem | Industrials L-R | |
| 20 | Telemetrix | Electricals | |
| 21 | Castings | Industrials A-D | |
| 22 | Body Shop | Drapery,Stores | |
| 23 | Cannon St | Industrials A-D | |
| 24 | Bellway | Building,Roads | |
| 25 | Auto Sec | Electricals | |
| 26 | Johnston | Industrials E-K | |
| 27 | Allied Irish | Banks,Discount | |
| 28 | Ben Bros | Building,Roads | |
| 29 | Bs Polythene | Industrials A-D | |
| 30 | Sinclair (Wm) | Industrials S-Z | |
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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
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| 177 | 100 | Eastern Elect | 169 | 171 | +½ | 19.3 | 11.4 | 8.3 |
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| 201 | 100 | Northern Elec | 199 | 201 | +1 | 21.7 | 10.9 | 5.9 |
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| 189 | 100 | Seeboard | 179 | 183 | -1 | 19.7 | 10.9 | 8.6 |
| 219 | 100 | Sth Wales | 214 | 217 | -1 | 21.3 | 9.8 | 8.6 |
| 190 | 100 | Sth Western | 185 | 189 | – | 20.3 | 10.9 | 8.3 |
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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 853 | 516 | BAT | 705 | 708 | -6 | 41.5 | 5.9 | 12.3 |
| 865 | 597 | Rothmans 'B' | 807 | 816 | – | 20.5 | 2.5 | 12.0 |

## TRANSPORT

| High | Low | Company | Bid | Offer | Ch'ge | Gross div p | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 332 | 167 | Assoc Br Ports | 223 | 227 | -5 | 9.0 | 4.0 | 9.9 |
| 472½ | 326 | BAA | 418 | 422 | -5 | 16.3 | 3.9 | 11.3 |
| 240 | 127 | Br Airways | 168 | 171 | -2 | 11.8 | 6.9 | 5.7 |
| 383 | 316 | Caledonia | 363 | 370 | +2 | 16.7 | 4.6 | 14.2 |
| 287 | 138 | Clarkson (H) | 185 | 193 | -1 | 10.3 | 5.4 | 7.8 |
| 765 | 73 | Dawson & Newman | 90 | 140 | – | –e | – | – |
| 653 | 285 | Eurotunnel Units | 495 | 510 | -3 | – | – | – |
| 59 | 17½ | Eurotunnel Warrants | 25 | 27 | – | – | – | – |
| 151 | 75 | Fisher (James) | 113 | 118 | +3 | 6.7 | 5.8 | 9.7 |
| 198 | 76 | Graig | 90 | 100 | +10 | 3.3 | 3.5 | 4.8 |
| 125 | 94 | Hays | 120 | 123 | – | 4.8 | 4.0 | 12.7 |
| 75 | 36 | Jacobs (JI) | 48 | 51 | – | 5.7 | 11.4 | 83.3 |
| 202 | 113 | Lep | 154 | 157 | – | 8.3 | 5.3 | 10.6 |
| 35 | 15 | Manchester Ship | 17 | 22● | – | 0.0 | 0.3 | 50 |
| 211 | 133 | Mersey Docks | 183 | 188 | – | 6.7 | 3.6 | 10.4 |
| 175 | 104 | NFC | 156 | 160● | -8 | 6.7 | 4.2 | 7.1 |
| 380 | 281 | Ocean Group | 357 | 363 | – | 18.5 | 5.1 | 14.8 |
| 55 | 30 | Ocean Wilson | 43 | 48 | – | 3.7 | 8.0 | 2.5 |
| 665 | 483 | P & O Dfd | 605 | 613 | -15 | 40.7 | 6.7 | 11.9 |
| 114 | 79½ | P & O 5.5% | 87 | 94 | – | 7.3 | 8.0 | |
| 400 | 259 | Powell Duffryn | 318 | 325 | -2 | 30.1 | 9.3 | 9.6 |
| 212 | 34 | TIP Europe | 72 | 75 | – | 7.1 | 9.6 | 5.4 |
| 146 | 37 | TNT | 60 | 62 | +1 | | | |
| 347 | 243 | Tibbet & Britten | 242 | 250 | – | 10.7 | 3.1 | 17.8 |
| 565 | 305 | Tiphook | 410 | 418 | -3 | 13.3 | 3.2 | 8.8 |
| 248 | 181 | Transport Dev | 238 | 242 | – | 12.7 | 5.3 | 12.7 |
| 245 | 65 | Turnbull Scott | 115 | 135 | – | – | – | 3.5 |

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| High | Low | Company | Bid | Offer | Ch'ge | Gross div p | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 313 | 209 | Anglian Water | 303 | 306 | +1 | 20.4 | 6.7 | 7.1 |
| 319 | 218½ | Northumbrian | 315 | 319 | +5 | 21.4 | 6.8 | 3.9 |
| 316 | 211½ | North West | 304 | 307 | +1 | 21.9 | 6.9 | 6.7 |
| 288 | 190 | Severn Trent | 284 | 288 | +2 | 19.8 | 6.9 | 4.9 |
| 300 | 191 | Sthrn Water | 280 | 286 | +7½ | 20.0 | 7.0 | 6.1 |
| 327 | 203 | South West | 308 | 312 | +6 | 23.2 | 7.5 | 5.0 |
| 315 | 206 | Thames Water | 301 | 304 | -2 | 21.4 | 7.1 | 7.5 |
| 335 | 219 | Welsh Water | 328 | 333 | -3 | 22.4 | 6.8 | 5.4 |
| 374 | 268 | Wessex Water | 356 | 360 | -7 | 20.3 | 5.7 | 6.8 |
| 321 | 221½ | Yorkshire Water | 308 | 312 | -2 | 20.6 | 6.6 | 6.7 |
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First newly styled Bentley for 40 years: "We designed the Continental as a sporting supercar — not to stand in a shed to make money"

As a demonstration of how to upstage a rival, Rolls-Royce's decision to unveil its first new Bentley for nearly 40 years was a classic of its kind. At first, all eyes at the Geneva Motor Show were focused on the new and impressive S-class cars from Mercedes-Benz, the model to which upmarket buyers aspire in their droves.

The German stand was a sprawling affair, one of the biggest at the show, and laden with cars boasting an array of technological wizardry, from self-closing doors to double glazing.

Executives, however, had their attention drawn by the commotion going on at a smaller stand nearby, large enough for only three cars, belonging to a comparatively tiny British company.

The truth dawned when a bright red Bentley purred into the arena. The Bentley Continental R was one of the motoring world's best-kept secrets and a giant step forward for the makers, Rolls-Royce motor company, as it seeks an identity for the Nineties.

A Rolls-Royce or Bentley badge symbolises ostentation. A petrol-gulping Bentley seems an anachronism in a world where the watchword is fuel conservation and less pollution.

In all honesty, doing away with the 3,000 cars a year made at the factory in Crewe, Cheshire, would be a pinprick on the global pollution problem. Even though the cars consume a gallon of unleaded every 15 miles, they are so few that their total consumption is negligible compared with the armies of Sierras and Cavaliers on the roads.

What Rolls-Royce does is to show motorists what designers, engineers and craftsmen can create if released from the straitjacket of mass car production and allowed to express themselves.

But a glance through the showroom window is about as close as most of us will get to owning a new Bentley. The price tag is £160,000. However, the new shape brought to the Bentley badge is a challenge to its leading competitors.

The Continental R is the first newly styled Bentley since 1952 and Rolls-Royce's first all-new car for a decade. The Continentals, of course, were among the great historic marques. The model was dubbed "the silent sports car" after winning at Le Mans.

Peter Ward, Rolls-Royce's chief executive, admits the company does not like to be rushed; plans for the new Continental were in gestation for six years. When you have the heritage of Bentley to consider, that is hardly surprising. He says: "We wanted more modern styling, something for the Nineties, a real two-door sporting coupé, but it still had to look like a Bentley."

The first casualty of the redesign was the almost fanatical devotion to aerodynamics, which has given us so many "jelly mould" cars that look alike. Mike Dunn, the engineering director at Crewe, says obsession with the CD (aerodynamic drag coefficient) factor, the ability of the car to cut through the air, has led to "boring uniformity" even among luxury cars. The Bentley's drag factor is 0.365, higher than normal.

However, the Bentley's progress is little curtailed as the classic 6.7-litre, turbocharged V8 engine, first seen in the four-door Mulsanne and Turbo R, can fire the car to a top speed of 145mph. But that maximum speed is limited by an electric engine governor.

There are extensive changes to the automatic suspension system for a firmer, more sure-footed ride, and a four-speed electrically controlled gearbox, which promises 11 per cent better fuel economy than the sister Turbo R model.

Of course, the buyers of the Continental R will hardly worry that the small change jingling in their trouser pockets will not cover the cost of a tank of petrol.

A £20,000 deposit is required with an order. Only 280 cars are to be made in 1992, the bulk for export. Seventy of the cars will be kept for sale in the UK, so demand will outstrip supply, even in these tight economic times.

Buyers will have to be prepared for a little discreet "positive vetting" by Rolls-Royce salesmen. The company wants to avoid some of the unseemly black market dealing of recent years. The factory prices of Ferrari F40s and Porsche 959s were doubling and trebling even before the cars were made because of speculative buying and selling. Rolls-Royce intends to weed out speculators and only one car per customer is allowed.

Mr Ward also wants the new Bentley to become a legend on the road and not stay in an air-conditioned environment gathering dust as an investment. He says: "We designed the Continental as a sporting supercar, and one that drivers would want to drive. It was not designed to stand in a shed on bricks to make money."

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### Rover is top dog again

ROVER has won its second consecutive *What Car?* Car of the Year award. Rover won with the 200 series in 1990, and the revamped ten-year-old Metro took the top prize this time against 200 rivals. Other winners: budget car, Skoda Favorit Forum; best value, Proton 1.5SE; small hatchback, Rover Metro 1.1L; family car, Rover 214Si; company car, Nissan Primera 1.6LS; executive car, Alfa Romeo 164TS; all-terrain, Land-Rover Discovery V8i; sporting saloon, Vauxhall Carlton GSi 3000 24v; hot hatchback, Renault 19 16v; sports car, Mazda MX-5; high-performance car, Audi quattro 20v; luxury car, Lexus LS400.

Rover's popular 200/400 series got another boost at the Fleet Motor Show this week with the launch of diesel versions, which go on sale this month. The four-model range is based on a 1.8-litre engine, which also comes in slightly faster turbo-charged form. Prices are to be announced.

### Parts battle

PRICES of Land-Rover components have been cut by as much as half in an effort to deter unofficial suppliers. The Solihull company says substitute parts are often of low quality, which can shorten model life. The reductions, covering the whole 90 and 100 Defender range, include the nose panel assembly, down from £32.62 to £16.31, and sill panels from £23.13 to £19.58.

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### Hot Trabbies

STORIES about the much-loved Trabant refuse to go away. East Germans turning to Volkswagens and Fords are dumping their Trabbies in the streets, apparently because dealers charge DM 400 (about £143) for taking the awful little two-cylinder car off their hands. Scientists have come up with the idea of crushing the car's plastic body into briquettes for use in solid-fuel fires.

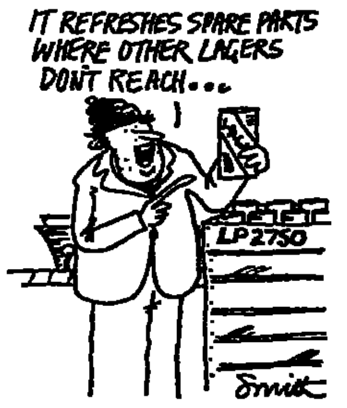
### Soaring Suzuki

SUZUKI is bucking the trend of slowing sales in the motor-cycle business by increasing its market share by 38 per cent. The Japanese company has the best-selling machines in the sector over 450cc, including the £6,400 GSXR1100.

### Oriental Scunthorpe

GINETTA may have an unlikely base as a maker of sports cars in Scunthorpe, Humberside, but the specialist is prospering in the Far East. The company has just sold 80 cars worth £3 million to Hong Kong and Singapore.

### Oiling the workers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INGENUITY in eastern Europe comes in many forms. The crate carrying part number LP2750 landing on the docksides is not full of the latest widgets for Skoda cars, but crates of lager. The enterprising Czechs bring the lager in with shipments of car equipment, but say these vital components are definitely for the internal consumption of dealers and customers and not the cars.

### Sounds sense

NATIONAL Windscreens is setting up a chain of fitting and after-sales centres for car alarms. Nearly 50 locations are planned and will fit equipment that has trade and industry department approval. There is also a 24-hour helpline number, 0800 622122.

### Man with drive

DANIEL Ward, a former motor industry correspondent for *The Times*, is to become director of corporate affairs for Nissan Europe, based in London. Mr Ward is a former technical editor of *Motor* magazine.

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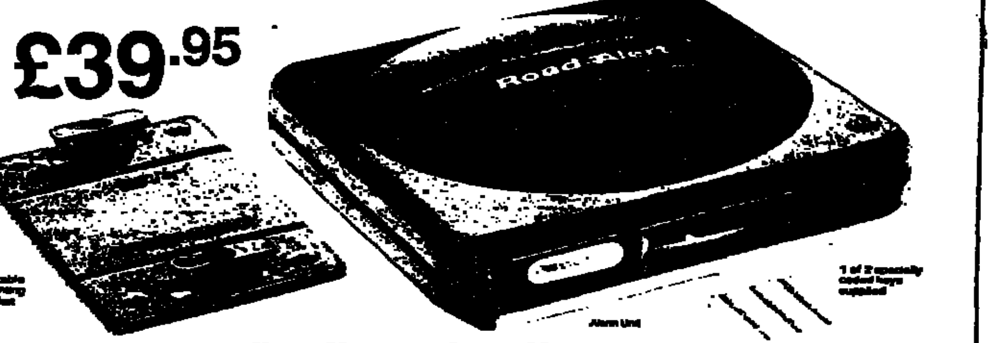
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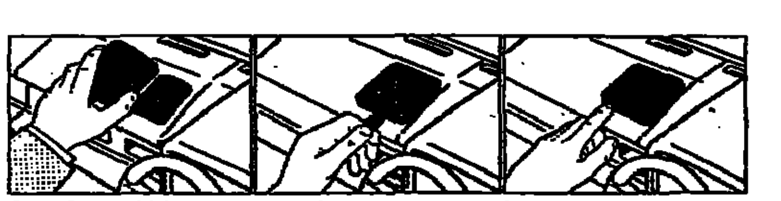

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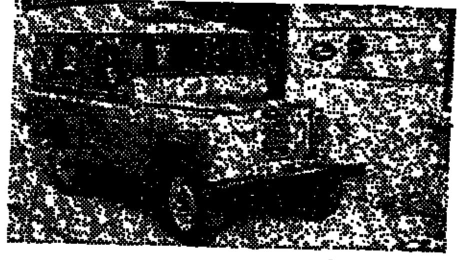

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# Realistic plans are the key to growth

By Rodney Hobson

THE successful way to expansion for small businesses is to aim for sustainable rather than fast growth, according to *Keys to Growth*, a report from Price Waterhouse, the accountant.

The report summarises views expressed at a conference of owner managers, hosted by Eric Forth, the small businesses minister. A main conclusion was that plans must be realistic, with a proper funding balance between equity capital, retained profit and loans.

Owners must judge the right scale of product development, David Potter, chairman of Psion, the computer and software group, said. A product must not be so small that it has no effect on the existing business nor so large that it causes revolution rather than evolutionary growth. He said: "Many businesses have foundered by following too many projects and dissipating resources."

John Simpson, business correspondent for Ulster TV, pointed out that contact with other businesses, even potential rivals, and with organisations such as chambers of commerce, was vital. Worthwhile contacts could be made with firms recruiting the same types of employee or using the same suppliers, transport services or customers.

Owners are encouraged to contribute to any reputable business surveys, provided the results are made available to participants.

Mr Simpson said: "Informal networks are too important to delegate and owner managers should consider their cultivation a priority. Always be ready to swap names and addresses. These may be the vital contact needed months later. Business cards can be offered and exchanged in most circumstances — visits, dinners, holidays, Rotary Clubs, the golf club — and these should be kept in orderly record."

The need to stay informed on technical standards makes a source of reliable technical expertise essential.

Michael Denny, of Northern Venture Managers, gave those who have tried and failed encouragement, saying: "A business failure may prove the greatest asset in a person's career. Failure can lead to new opportunities and perhaps the second-time-round owner managers, their advisers and their institutional backers will become better at balancing risk and return."

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# Logging on to a lucrative idea

By David Thurlow

MARK Prince gave up a £35,000-a-year job to start his own computer services consultancy — and just two years later has more than matched that salary.

Mr Prince went into the computer business the wrong way round. He was working for a construction company and had to use computers as part of his job. Knowing nothing about them, he started with no training and no preconceived ideas. He went on to set up Freagra, his own consultancy, with an equally fresh approach.

Mr Prince sees computer technology purely as a tool of the trade, not needing a university course to learn how to use it. His approach in consultancy is the same. He and the two partners with him at Freagra in Ipswich, Suffolk, regard their job as providing a service for computers rather like consultants in other fields, who are always on hand and not called in only for an annual review or when there is a problem.

Mr Prince, now aged 29, worked for three computer companies before setting up on his own. He was the £35,000-a-year sales director for a Colchester computer services company when he and a colleague, the software development manager, decided to start their own service company.

"I found I had an eye for spotting the opportunities and a skill for seeing the problems for a consultancy where we would provide an individual service for companies just like an accountant or solicitor."

The aim is to provide a company that can give bespoke programming and implementation services. He explained: "You must have a solid grasp on how a business is running and what makes it tick and how to apply and marry computer technology to it.

"One of the major skills is the ability to walk into a business and within a very short space of time realise what the potential problems are and how the company can use their computer technology properly because most systems are greatly under utilised."

It was with this philosophy that the business was set up in February 1989. The client base was kept small to ensure a personal and individual service. Two years on, the company is operating successfully and growing on that principle.

Freagra started in one room in a house at Claydon, near Ipswich, with two desks, two computers, a telephone and two clients. The two founding partners had £10,000 in savings and borrowings ready if necessary but it was not required. Mr Prince said: "As it was a consultancy business the amount of funding needed was not terribly high and in the end we did not have to put anything up."

This was because they had a positive cash flow from their clients from their first day, advance payments for maintenance of their software systems. As the money came in so they were able to buy more computers. More clients came on personal recommendation.

A third partner, Kati Vardon, aged 24, joined in April 1989. She had learned about computers while working in marketing. When Mr Prince's original partner had to leave for health reasons they were joined by another partner, Lawrence Barrett, aged 34, who also learned the computer business as he worked as a financial director.

By the end of the first year the company had a turnover of £275,000 and the profit margin was extremely healthy. In January last year the partners moved into bigger offices in a new hi-tech block on a 21 year lease — which they are now buying — at a rent of £12,000 a year.

They are doing so well that everyone now earns more than they did when they were employed by others and are on target for a £400,000 turnover this year. They have 25 clients with turnovers ranging from £3 million to £50 million a year, including one in Canada.

As well as aiming to build up their client base to about 50 companies, they are working on software development projects, such as an electronic point of sale programme for stores, to market through another firm.

JONATHAN ELLIS

Fresh approach: Mark Prince had no preconceived ideas

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## Law Report March 8 1991 Court of Appeal

# Ability of surety to pay is relevant

**Regina v Wood Green Crown Court, Ex parte Howe**

Before Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Anthony Evans

[Judgment March 7]

Where a bail surety had undertaken to pay a sum which she could not afford, the court should have regard to her ability to pay and to the consequences for the surety of ordering payment in an amount which would inevitably lead to a term of imprisonment in default.

The surety had no right to make more than one application to the court under section 31(1) of the Powers of the Criminal Courts Act 1973. But where an order of forfeiture was made, in compliance with the rules of natural justice, the court had power to consider an application under the section made on a later occasion, if there was sufficient reason for not having made it on the occasion when the order was made.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in setting aside a decision of Judge Finney at Wood Green Crown Court on April 17, 1989 by which he ordered Jemima Howe to forfeit the sum of £35,000 which she had undertaken as a surety for her brother, Jeremy Howe.

Section 31 of the 1973 Act provides: "(1) Subject to the provisions of this section, if the crown court imposes a fine on any person or forfeits his recognisance, the court may make an order — (a) allowing time for the payment of the amount of the fine or the amount due under the recognisance; (b) directing payment of that amount by instalments of such amounts and on such dates respectively as may be specified in the order; (c) in the case of a recognisance, discharging the recognisance or reducing the amount due thereunder."

Rule 21 of the Crown Court Rules (SI 1982 No 1109 (L22)) provides: "(1) Where a recognisance has been entered into in respect of a person granted bail to appear before the crown court and it appears to the court that a default has been made in performing the conditions of the recognisance, the court may order the recognisance to be estreated."

Mr Richard Gordon for the applicant; Mr Guy Sankey for the respondent.

LORD JUSTICE WATKINS said Miss Howe's brother and her mother were indicted with others on a serious charge of conspiracy relating to the supply of unlawful drugs.

She had originally stood surety for her brother in September 1987 in the sum of £35,000, the value of her share in a flat. In June 1988 the flat had been sold, but her share of the proceeds, £4,000, was much less than she had expected.

Nevertheless, when her brother had appeared in court on remand on November 14, 1988 she had entered into a renewed recognisance, on which the whole case rested.

Summarising the effect of the authorities, his Lordship said the court was required to make such order as seemed fair and just in the circumstances, having regard in particular to the culpability of the surety (in failing to procure the appearance of the defendant at the appointed place and time) and having regard also to her means.

There was no authority directly in point on the question whether, when the surety had undertaken to pay a sum which he could not afford, the court should properly order forfeiture of the full amount, or otherwise order payment of such a large sum that the surety must necessarily default and therefore would become liable to serve a term of imprisonment for non-payment.

Judge Finney had decided that she should forfeit the whole sum, adding that his decision could be reconsidered if the brother turned up in the meantime. The judge had relied on the words of section 31(*1*) of the 1973 Act and on a passage in *Archbold Criminal Pleading Evidence and Practice* (43rd edition (1988) p189) based on *R v Central Criminal Court, Ex parte Naraghi and Binji* ((1980) 2 Cr App R (S) 104).

The wording of section 31(1) was somewhat unclear. But read in conjunction with rule 21 of the Crown Court Rules, the combined effect was tolerably clear. When the default occurred, that is, when the surety failed to produce the defendant as promised, the Crown might "order the recognisance to estreated" but that power was subject to the surety's right to apply under section 31(1).

Their Lordships were satisfied that even if a order for forfeiture was made and was valid because the requirements of natural justice were complied with when it was made, the court would have power to consider an application made under section 31(1) on a later occasion, if there was sufficient reason for it not having been made on the occasion the order was made.

However, it was also their Lordships' view that the applicant had no right to make more than one application under section 31(1), and to that extent they disagreed with the decision in *Ex parte Naraghi and Binji* and the passage in *Archbold*.

In this case the judge had wrongly given the surety no credit for the genuine efforts the surety had made to try to ensure that her brother appeared in court, or for reporting his disappearance immediately to the police.

Furthermore no separate consideration had been given to the applicant's inability to pay the full amount which was forfeited. The authorities required consideration be given to the surety's means.

That could only imply that the court must have some regard to ability to pay, and to the consequences for the surety of ordering payment in an amount which would inevitably lead to a term of imprisonment in default.

Their Lordships could not accept that those circumstances should be disregarded when the court had to made an order which was fair and just in all the circumstances. There might be cases where the culpability was so great that payment might be ordered of an amount which made a prison sentence likely, but this was not one of them.

Solicitors: James Marley & Co, Twickenham; Treasury Solicitor.

# Contract not saved by forming new company

**Cotronic (UK) Ltd v Dezonie, t/a Wendaland Builders Ltd, *Dezonie t/a Wendaland Builders*; Osborne third party**

Before Lord Justice Dillon, Lord Justice Balcombe and Lord Justice Ralph Gibson

[Judgment February 25]

Where a contract had been made in the name of a company which had not existed for five years, that contract was invalid and a nullity and could not be saved under section 36(4) of the Companies Act 1985 by a new company because there had been no intention when the contract was made of forming that new company.

The Court of Appeal so held when dismissing the appeal of Mrs Hyacinth Osborne, the third party, against the decision of Judge Wootton in Birmingham County Court on November 8, 1989 to strike out her third party notice thereby allowing the appeal of the defendants, Mr Alton Dezonie, t/a Wendaland Builders Ltd and as Wendaland Builders, in the claim by the plaintiff, Cotronic (UK) Ltd, from the decision of Mr Registrar Hargreaves on September 27, 1989 that section 36(4) of the 1985 Act could make a person personally liable if a third party wanted to rely on it but could not give Mr Dezonie the right to enforce a contract against Mrs Osborne.

Section 36 provides: "(4) Where a contract purports to be made by a company, or by a person as agent for a company, at a time when the company has not been formed, then subject to any agreement to the contrary the contract has effect as one entered into by the person purporting to act for the company or as agent for it, and he is personally liable on the contract accordingly."

Mr Jeremy Cousins for Mrs Osborne; Mrs Venice James for Mr Dezonie and the company.

LORD JUSTICE DILLON said that the company, Wendaland Builders Ltd, controlled by Mr Dezonie, was incorporated in 1973 but was struck off and dissolved in 1981. Mr Dezonie was unaware of that until 1987.

At the date of the contract on March 7, 1986 between Mrs Osborne and Wendaland Builders Ltd, the company did not exist. A new company bearing the same name was incorporated in 1988.

Where there was a contract at a pre-incorporation date of a company, a contract to which that company was ostensibly a party was void unless a fresh contract was made by the company after its incorporation to adopt it as new contract.

The contract was plainly intended to be a contract of a company, not a personal contract by Mr Dezonie. At the time the contract was signed no one had thought about forming a new company and it was not possible to say that the contract was purported to have been made by the new company.

The third party notice claimed indemnity against the plaintiff's claim and the balance due and stated that the agreement had been for work done which had been carried out.

That notice could not stand as a claim under the contract because the contract was a nullity but the claim was maintainable, as work had been carried out, on a *quantum meruit* basis. Accordingly leave to amend the third party notice should be granted.

Lord Justice Balcombe gave a concurring judgment and Lord Justice Ralph Gibson agreed.

Solicitors: Bettinsons, Birmingham; Highways, Birmingham.

# Date of knowledge of cause of injury

**Hendy v Milton Keynes Health Authority**

For the purposes of section 11 of the Limitation Act 1980, in personal injury cases involving surgical operations, while a plaintiff's date of knowledge that an injury was attributable in whole or in part to an operation could well have depended on the date when she had received an expert's report, in a less complicated case the date of knowledge arose when she appreciated in general terms that her problems were attributable to the operation, even if the precise terms of what had gone wrong were not known.

Mr Justice Blofeld so held in the Queen's Bench Division on February 14 when ruling that although the claim by Georgina Cynthia Hendy was statute barred the court would exercise its discretion under section 33 of the 1980 Act and allow her to continue proceedings in an action claiming damages for personal injury against Milton Keynes Health Authority.

HIS LORDSHIP said that the plaintiff had seen a doctor at the hospital eight months after the operation. She had been told what had happened in the operation and that a second operation had put things right.

At that point the doctor, himself an expert, had given the plaintiff sufficient information to set the limitation period running against her. However, in the particular circumstances, it was right to exercise the court's discretion to disapply section 11.

# Contingent interest assignable

**In re Duke of Roxburghe's Assignment Trusts**

Before Judge Paul Baker, QC

[Judgment February 19]

A contingent interest was assignable under Scots law as it was under English law.

Judge Paul Baker, QC, sitting as a judge of the High Court, so stated in the Chancery Division on February 19 when considering the validity and effect of an assignment made by the tenth Duke of Roxburghe of a contingent interest arising in his favour under the will of the ninth duke.

Mr Robert Walker, QC, for the plaintiffs, the beneficiaries under the assignee settlement; Mr Rodney Stewart-Smith for the defendants, the beneficiaries under the will trust.

HIS LORDSHIP said that he had been referred to a statement in *Dicey & Morris, The Conflict of Laws* (11th edition (1987) vol 2, p960. Illustration 1) that in Scots law contingent interests were not assignable: see *Grant's Trustees v Ritchie's Executor* ((1886) 13 R 646)).

However, expert evidence on the law of Scotland had convinced his Lordship that that had not been the law in Scotland since at least 1893.

He referred to *Wyllie's Trustees v Boyd* ((1891) 18 R 1121) and *Reid v Morison* ((1893) 20 R 510) and concluded that whatever the position had been historically, a contingent interest was assignable under Scots law.

Solicitors: Withers & Co; Withers & Co.

# Change of legal representation

**Regina v Dimech**

It could be a material irregularity for a judge to refuse to revoke a legal aid certificate where the defendent sought new legal representation.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division (Lord Justice Russell, Mr Justice Kennedy and Mr Justice Turner) so held on February 25 in dismissing an appeal by Nicholas James Dimech, against a ruling by Judge Rodell, QC, at St Albans Crown Court that he was not entitled to any further legal aid.

LORD JUSTICE RUSSELL said that where a defendent sought to discharge his legal representative under the legal aid certificate in order to instruct someone else, as long the judge had before him information which would inevitably have justified him in revoking the legal aid certificate under section 3(2)(a) of the Legal Aid Act 1974, then it was not a material irregularity that formalities in accordance with the Act were not followed.

Whether a judge's refusal to revoke a legal aid certificate where a defendant sought new legal representation was a material irregularity depended upon the facts of each case.

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## Paper merchant enjoys the thrill of the chase

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

At peace with the world: Jackson escapes business hassles in the company of horses at his home in East Sussex

# Jackson revels in a mad game

*SIMON BARNES continues his celebration of the Madness of National Hunt racing. In the final part of his series on the Cheltenham festival next week, he meets Michael Jackson, the owner.*

His name is Michael Jackson, but you would hesitate to address him as Whacko Jacko. Pinstriped, a man of business, his keynote is forceful meticulousness, and I bet he's a powerhouse in committee. You might sum him up as an identikit successful man: quiet clothes and an understated air of achievement. Not whacko at all: tediously sane.

But the man has a secret identity. All he has to do is to step into a telephone kiosk and perform a quick change to become SuperJackson. His new costume involves, not a cape, but a flat hat: and it is not his body but his soul that flies through the air at this transformation.

Jackson is an Owner. He owns racehorses. Specifically, he owns Morley Street, favourite for the Champion Hurdle at the Cheltenham festival next week. He is but sane nor' nor' west: when the hooves beat the turf and the horses leap the fences, he is, in his well-behaved way, utterly caught up in the great Madness of National Hunt racing.

"I like the excitement attached to having runners. It's a perverse pleasure because before racing you feel sick and apprehensive and, if you don't get a good result, you feel sick and apprehensive afterwards as well, so I'm not really sure where the real pleasure lies.

"It's almost a form of masochism, but there's a certain enjoyment and excitement about the race itself — and there's no feeling like winning. You can't describe what winning is like. I walk on air for about a week afterwards. All your worldly problems recede, and disappear altogether. That marvellous feeling of total elation, you get it for long periods of time afterwards. It's what we all love for and live *on*.

"In fact, it's amazing how far a little elation will go. A long way. And you go a long way without any elation at all and still you are hooked on it. That first winner I had at Wincanton, years ago, I never thought it would happen. I never thought it would happen to me."

Jackson has known many years without success. He came into racing in 1971, and it was a long time before he had that first winner. He dates his real taste of success from 1988. He has learned all about losing, between those rare and treasured draughts of elation.

"I remember when I had two runners in two days at Newbury, years ago. They both came last. I found that extremely depressing. It doesn't matter if they don't win, it matters if they run *badly*. You can get a real high when your horse is tenth out of 20 if he has run well. It's when they don't bloody well do it that it's depressing."

Jackson does not come from horsey stock himself. He took to the game when taken along by friends as a punter. Later, he was persuaded to take the plunge and buy a horse. Things developed from there: he now has seven horses in training. He also learned to ride when he was 35, hunted and rode in cross-country events. Horses, like measles, tend to affect you more severely if you get affected in later life.

These days, horses are his passion, but not his life. He is a businessman first: the Clark Kent side of his nature also needs to be expressed. After work, yes, that's racing time, and a couple of hours with the formbook knocks telly into a cocked hat. There is no merging of work and play in Jackson's life: buiness is what he does — he is a paper merchant with his own company — and horses give him evenings of absorption and weekends of joy.

He bets, but betting is not at the heart of things. Betting is the Worcester sauce, not the vodka in his bloody mary. He has never been tempted to make his involvement anything other than pleasure.

And it is National Hunt that possesses him utterly. "You never know how a horse will develop — that's something that keeps you going, makes you come back again and again. In Flat racing, you could never win the Derby with a horse that cost £5,000. But a five grand horse won the Gold Cup last year. And people enjoy themselves so much more in National Hunt . . . When you go out to win £155 for a third place at Plumpton, well, you're going for a day out. Jump racing has never become as serious as the Flat. Life is simpler in National Hunt."

In a sense, Jackson is not the man to speak about ownership. Certainly he has known long, barren stretches, but many people spend years in the game without a decent horse, and Jackson has two: Morley Street and Forest Sun. Both cost £27,000. Jackson has refused six-figure sums for both. His seven horses in training showed a slight profit this year, which makes him, perhaps, unique in the game.

Perhaps you need to be mad and brave and lucky to show a profit in this maddest of games. "I'm certainly brave, but I don't think I'm mad. And I've certainly been lucky. I have friends who have never had a seriously good horse, not in a lifetime of owning horses."

Now Morley Street goes on to the Champion Hurdle, which will be run three years to the day since he first ran in the Jackson colours. An omen? "I'm a very suspicious man, and I can hardly dare speak about it."

Hearts will break at Cheltenham, that's a racing certainty. But a handful of mad, brave and lucky owners will taste that rare, almost mythical elation: the abolition of all worldly problems: walking on air: flying — turning at a stroke into Superman.

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# Laundryman to lead Mellor double

By MANDARIN
(MICHAEL PHILLIPS)

A STAN Mellor-Mark Perrett double looks on the cards at Sandown Park today, thanks to **Laundryman** (2.35) and **Rositary** (3.40).

Laundryman did this column a good turn at Lingfield 11 days ago when landing the nap, and I take him to do so again by winning the Marcol Novices' Chase.

He has sound claims to be regarded as the day's banker having jumped so well when winning his last three races.

Sandown places a heavy emphasis on agility and Laundryman's proven ability to give of his best on soft ground is another big factor.

Last time out, Laundryman easily accounted for Popeswood, who went on to run such a fine race behind Whatever You Like. So his form looks reliable, especially since Dare Say, one of Josh Gifford's two runners in the field, was further behind at Newbury.

Rositary, who is my selection for the Balvenie Malt Whisky Handicap Hurdle, was the first leg of that Mellor-Perrett double at Warwick earlier in the week when she scored by eight lengths.

As both the distance and the going will be the same today, she does not look overburdened with only 10st 3lb this time, and she is preferred to The Illywhacker and Abbreviation.

Today's programme can begin with **Riverside Boy** winning the Beech Novices' Hurdle and end with **Meadow Cottage** capturing the Lilac Novices' Hurdle.

Riverside Boy (2.0) proved that he possesses the requisite stamina to win over two miles and five furlongs on the Esher track by scoring over further at Kempton last time, while Meadow Cottage (4.40) went straight into my notebook after watching him finish seventh in the race won by New Duds at Ascot in January.

As The Argonaut's chance of winning the *Horse And Hound* Grand Military Gold Cup again for the Queen Mother and Cath Walwyn's assistant Gerald Oxley has not been improved by the recent rain, I feel bound to overlook that powerful combination in favour of **Golden Friend**, who was such a fluent winner over the trip last time out when Elvercone finished some way behind in third place on better terms.

If The Argonaut fails this time compensation could easily come quickly for Oxley with **Prince Nepal** winning the Duke of Gloucester Memorial Hunters' Chase. Prince Nepal was runner-up to Final Chant at Doncaster 11 days ago and I fully expect **Final Chant** to win the Beaumontcote Hunters' Chase at Market Rasen later in the day even though the ground will not be as fast as that on which he has excelled in the past.

Elsewhere, I like the look of **Norval's** chance of sustaining his recent successful charge by winning the Edinburgh Woollen Mill Novices' Chase at Carlisle where **Arpal Breeze** (2.0) and **Share A Friend** (3.30) smack of a likely double for Gordon Richards and Neale Doughty.

Finally, Able Jet's narrow defeat of Pesidanamich at Lingfield on Tuesday was a clear pointer to **La Masaas** being capable of winning the Skegby Claiming Stakes at Southwell, having already accounted for Able Jet at Lingfield this spring.

# Entries for Derby fall

ENTRIES for the Ever Ready Derby and Gold Seal Oaks have dropped for the third year running. The colts' classic has attracted 118 horses, down eight on last year, while Oaks entries have fallen from 133 to 105

United Racecourses, owners of Epsom, believe the continuing downward trend justifies their decision to alter the entry formula to a yearling scheme for 1993.

Their managing director Tim Neligan said: "These figures are broadly in line with the trend for which we had budgeted and we are pleased that Derby entries have decreased by the smallest percentage of all the classics."

# Beech Road backed

BEECH Road was all the rage yesterday for Tuesday's Smurfit Champion Hurdle as an inch of rain fell at Cheltenham and the going changed from good to good to soft for the three-day National Hunt Festival

The 1989 champion, who is well suited by plenty of give underfoot, shortened from 10-1 to 8-1 with Corals and from 8-1 to 6-1 second favourite with Ladbrokes. Toby Balding now has the first two in the betting with the latter firm, Morley Street easing half a point to 7-2

At yesterday's five-day stage, 25 were left in the Champion Hurdle All the principals stood their ground and, with few likely defectors, a large turnout is guaranteed The biggest fields in recent times were 23 in 1986 and 21 in 1988

Remittance Man has been installed 5-4 favourite by Corals for the Waterford Castle Arkle Trophy also on Tuesday, for which there are 16 five-day acceptors Other prices 5-2 Uncle Ernie, 5-1 Last 'O' The Bunch, 10-1 Orbis, 14-1 bar

The change in going was also reflected in market moves on Thursday's Tote Gold Cup, Desert Orchid easing from 9-4 to 5-2 as each-way support arrived for Nick The Brief (8-1 from 10-1) and Carrick Hill Lad (9-1 from 10-1)

● The William Hill Lincoln favourite Selaah will have a compulsory stalls test at Southwell today

## SANDOWN PARK

### Selections

| By Mandarin | By Thunderer |
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| 2.00 Riverside Boy. | 2.00 Corravorrin. |
| 2.35 LAUNDRYMAN (nap). | 2.35 False Economy. |
| 3.05 Golden Friend. | 3.05 The Argonaut. |
| 3 40 Rositary | 3.40 Ambuscade. |
| 4 10 Prince Nepal. | 4.10 Prince Nepal. |
| 4 40 Meadow Cottage | 4 40 Quick Opinion |

Michael Seely's selection. 3 05 The Argonaut.

Brian Beel's selection. 4.10 Prince Nepal.

**Going: good to soft (chase course); soft (hurdles)** **SIS**

**2.0 BEECH NOVICES HURDLE (£3,344: 2m 5f 75yd) (17 runners)**

101 09/64-12 FURRY KNOWE 98 (F) (Queen Elizabeth) Mrs F Walwyn 6-11-4 K Mooney 98
102 2//311 RIVERSIDE BOY 14 (G,S) (Miss H Blagrove) M Pipe 6-11-4 P Scudamore ● 99
103 P AUTUMN CRYSTAL 57 (P Boddy) Miss L Bower 7-11-0 R Rowell —
104 CHARCOAL EMBERS (Mrs T Pilkington) J Gifford 6-11-0 D Murphy —
105 P-20 CORRAVORRIN 57 (Mrs J Hughes) S Christian 6-11-0 A Mulholland 90
106 130 DERRING VALLEY 13 (S) (A King) A Jones 6-11-0 B Powell —
107 125 GRANGE BRAKE 65 (S) (Mrs J Mould) N Twiston-Davies 5-11-0 C Llewellyn —
108 5/0- KEEP TALKING 382 (H Joel) T Thomson Jones 6-11-0 S Smith Eccles —
109 332944/ MONKSCOMBE 692 (F) (D Rose) Mrs J Pitman 8-11-0 M Pitman —
110 44/3P4-0 MR GEE 14 (M Ferrett) R Curtis 6-11-0 D Morris 71
111 8- PROVING 364 (R Eliot) J Gifford 7-11-0 M Lawrence 86
112 5P62 RAMLOSA 16 (Food Brokers Ltd) D Barons 7-11-0 N Hawke 95
113 322238- RIVERTINO 379 (R Cheetham) P Mitchell 7-11-0 R Dunwoody 94
114 P0 SPARTAN TIMES 55 (G Beccle) J Fox 7-11-0 J Railton —
115 201- TRUE MAGIC 280 (F) (P Gray) D Murray Smith 7-11-0 J Osborne —
116 604 UNEXIS 11 (D Mullen) S Mellor 6-11-0 M Perrett 79
117 0 WARNER FORPLEASURE 59 (T Warner Sports) P Hobbs 5-11-0 S Earle —

BETTING: 4-5 Riverside Boy, 4-1 Furry Knowe, 3-1 Ramlosa, 7-1 Rivertino, 8-1 True Magic, 10-1 Proving, 12-1 Corravorrin, 14-1 Monkscombe, Grange Brake, 16-1 others.

1990: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

**FORM FOCUS** FURRY KNOWE 12½l 3rd to Book Of Gold here (2m good to soft) previously beat Supreme Dealer ¾l at Newbury (2m 100yd good to firm) RIVERSIDE BOY beat G W Supreestar 3½l at Kempton (3m. good) with MR GEE (4lb better off) distance 7th.
CORRAVORRIN 5l 2nd to Annicombe Run at Towcester (2m 5f 20yd. good) penultimate. DERRING VALLEY beat GRANGE BRAKE (7lb better off) 1½l in Uttoxeter National Hunt Flat race (2m, soft) GRANGE BRAKE beat Statesware Prince 2½l in Catterick National Hunt Flat race (2m. good to soft) KEEP TALKING 32l 7th to Devil's Valley at Newbury (2m 4f 120yd, heavy) last term. PROVING 15½l 5th to Whatever You Like at Ascot (2m, soft). RAMLOSA 1½l 2nd to Your Well at Fontwell (2m 6f, good to soft). RIVERTINO 2l 2nd to Admiral's Leap at Folkestone (2m 6f, soft) last term. TRUE MAGIC beat Croghan Rose 1l in Warwick National Hunt Flat race (2m, firm).
Selection: RIVERSIDE BOY

**2.35 MARCOL NOVICES CHASE (£3,579: 2m 4f 68yd) (10 runners)**

201 2-3P111 LAUNDRYMAN 11 (D,G,S) (Burford District Laundry Co Ltd) S Mellor 8-11-10 M Perrett ● 99
202 3-P19B BIGNOR HILL 13 (F) (M Pinto) J Gifford 6-11-3 E McKinley —
203 6P2235 DARE SAY 7 (F,G,S) (J Hopkins) J Gifford 8-11-3 D Murphy 78
204 10-P063 FALSE ECONOMY 10 (S) (M Shone) J Edwards 6-11-3 N Williamson 76
205 P0-0 FIDDLE A LITTLE 10 (G Hubbard) F Murphy 6-11-3 J White —
206 6//4P FIRST WARNING 7 (R Waley-Cohen) R Waley-Cohen 8-11-3 M Lynch 86
207 FF2100 GAELIC CHERRY 8 (D,S) (Anne Duchess of Westminster) R Francis 8-11-3 M Jones (3) 80
208 3413-P5 PLAGUE O' RATS 48 (F) (Mrs C Rogers) R Frost 7-11-3 C Hopwood —
209 395002 THATS THE BUSINESS 10 (Mrs M Kerr-Dineen) G Balding 7-11-3 J Frost —
210 109P-00 TYRED N'SNOOKERED 4 (V,G,S) (J Whelan) P Hedger 7-11-3 M Richards —

BETTING: Evens Laundryman, 9-2 Dare Say, 6-1 False Economy, 8-1 Bignor Hill, 10-1 Thats The Business, 12-1 Tyred N'Snookered, 14-1 others.

1990: OKEETEE 7-11-8 B de Haan (11-10 fav) C Brooks 8 ran

**FORM FOCUS** LAUNDRYMAN beat Popeswood 15l at Lingfield (2m 4f soft) BIGNOR HILL brought down 1st behind Remittance Man in Kempton grade II race (2m 4f, good), earlier beat Dicles's Gm ¾l in Cheltenham novice hurdle (2m 4f. good to firm).
DARE SAY 14½l 5th to Whatever You Like at Newbury (2m 180yd. good). FALSE ECONOMY 17½l 3rd to Windy Ways at Nottingham (2m 6f, good) with FIDDLE A LITTLE (same terms) tailed off 9th THATS THE BUSINESS neck 2nd to Battle Drum in Nottingham novice handicap hurdle (2m 6f, good to soft).
Selection: LAUNDRYMAN

**3.5 HORSE AND HOUND GRAND MILITARY GOLD CUP (Handicap Chase: Amateurs: £4,576: 3m 118yd) (14 runners)**

301 60-24FF BOB TISDALL 14 (D,G,S) (R Ogden) N Gaselee 12-12-7 A Ogden 98
302 3-35341 GOLDEN FRIEND 48 (D,F,G,S) (D Meade) M Meade 13-12-7 Cpt J Wingfield Digby ● 99
303 14P42P JOHN O'DEE 37 (CD,F,G,S) (G Hubbard) F Murphy 8-12-7 Cpt D Cookson 81
304 3-58134 ELVERCONE 10 (V,G,S) (C Scott) A J Wilson 10-12-0 Cpt G Woodward 72
305 22F44P SAN OVAC 8 (B,D,F) (Miss M Talbot) C Brooks 8-12-0 Cpt A Smith Maxwell 90
306 501F1-2 THE ARGONAUT 137 (CD,F,G,S) (Queen Elizabeth) Mrs F Walwyn 13-12-0 G Oxley 93
307 555U-43 WILD ARGOSY 134 (F,G,S) (Major W-Bowen) D Williams 12-12-0 Maj R Webb-Bowen 59
308 3-23P54 AFTER FOUR 58 (Anne Duchess of Westminster) R Francis 7-11-7 Maj M Sample 70
309 222P/33- BRUNTON PARK 531 (CD,F,G,S) (I Fraser) J Jenkins 13-11-7 Cpt C Ward Thomas 93
310 5044/ DICTATORSHIP 1383 (Major A Pearn) Major A Pearn 10-11-7 Cpt F Wheeler —
311 2P35PF GRAND INQUISITOR 9 (C Brown) G Balding 9-11-7 Lt Col A Westcott 59
312 6P30-PU ITS ALL VERY FINE 7 (G,S) (Royal Hussars (PWO)) T Forster 10-11-7 B Godsey 79
313 200-P2P PENSIONER PATCH 76 (F) (B Fearn) J Gifford 9-11-7 Maj P Holdsworth —
314 00FP/ SOME SHOT 1478 (S) (R Shaw) F O'Brien 12-11-7 Maj C Lane —

BETTING: 6-4 The Argonaut, 7-2 Golden Friend, 4-1 Bob Tisdall, 11-2 Brunton Park, 8-1 John O'Dee, 10-1 San Ovac. 12-1 Elvercone, 16-1 others.

1990: THE ARGONAUT 12-12-7 G Oxley (5-2) F Walwyn 12 ran

**FORM FOCUS** BOB TISDALL 15l 2nd to Chatam in Newton Abbot handicap (3m 2f 100yd, good to soft) earlier in season. GOLDEN FRIEND beat Missing Man 10l in Kempton Conditional Jockeys handicap (3m, good) with ELVERCONE (same terms) short-head 3rd.
JOHN O'DEE 10l 2nd to On The Twist in Huntingdon handicap (3m, soft) penultimate. THE ARGONAUT 2l 2nd to Aleoul in Fakenham handicap (3m, good; earlier beat SAN OVAC (7lb worse off) 15l in this race last term. BRUNTON PARK 4l 2nd to Irish Red in Southwell handicap (3m 110yd, firm) last term.
Selection: THE ARGONAUT

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1 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 B West (7) 88

Racecard number Six-figure form (F — fell P — pulled up U — unseated rider B — brought down S — slipped up R — refused D — disqualified) Horse's name Days since last outing, F if flat (B — blinkers V — visor H — hood E — Eyeshield. C — course winner D — distance winner CD — course and distance winner BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard G — good S — soft, good to soft, heavy) Owner in brackets Trainer Age and weight Rider plus any allowance The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

**3.40 BALVENIE MALT WHISKY HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,579: 2m 5f 75yd) (10 runners)**

401 3106-13 THE ILLYWHACKER 13 (B,G,S) (J Hitchins) Mrs J Pitman 6-12-0 M Pitman 90
402 18P24-4 ABBREVIATION 8 (F,G) (J Hopkins) J Gifford 8-11-4 D Murphy 90
403 11144- AMBUSCADE 184F (F,S) (Mrs L Firth) G Moore 5-11-0 R Dunwoody 93
404 212-313 CRYSTAL BEAR 50 (S) (Lady Knutsford) T Forster 6-11-0 J Railton 98
405 22-0210 MONTAGNARD 16 (S) (H Gill) M Bradstock 7-10-9 J Osborne 85
406 100-PFF REGGAE YEOMAN 35 (F,G,S) (Mrs H Alwen) D Grissell 7-10-8 G Moore 94
407 UFFP61 ROSITARY 3 (D,F,S) (P Winkworth) S Mellor 8-10-3 (4ex) M Perrett ● 99
408 0/60010- THEO'S FELLA 336 (G) (T Waddington (UK) Ltd) G Balding 7-10-2 R Guest 87
409 20//000 GILT BRONZE 34 (B,C,S) (M Banks) M Banks 7-10-0 D Skyrme (3) —
410 4411//2 ITTIHAAD 40 (F) (V Young) V Young 8-10-0 J Akehurst 87

Long handicap: Ittihaad 9-6.

BETTING: 3-1 The Illywhacker, 4-1 Rositary, 9-2 Ambuscade, 6-1 Montagnard, 8-1 Abbreviation, 10-1 Ittihaad, 14-1 Crystal Bear, 16-1 Reggae Yeoman, 20-1 others.

1990: BATTALION 6-11-10 P Scudamore (2-1 fav) C Brooks 13 ran

**FORM FOCUS** THE ILLYWHACKER 11½l 3rd to Floyd in grade II race at Kempton (3m, good): earlier beat Marquee Cafe 8l at Windsor (2m 6f, good).
ABBREVIATION 11l 4th to Wahiba at Plumpton (2m4f, good to soft). AMBUSCADE 11l 4th to Sybillin in Liverpool novice (2m, firm) last term. CRYSTAL BEAR 4l 3rd to Re-Release at Taunton (2m 110yd, good to soft): earlier beat Military Band a head at Devon (2m 1f, soft). MONTAGNARD 29l 7th to Better Times Ahead in Warwick novice (2m 5f, good to soft): earlier beat Gray's Ellergy 12l in Nottingham novice (2m 6f, good to soft). ROSITARY beat Solar Cloud 8l at Warwick (2m5f, good to soft). ITTIHAAD 3½l 2nd to Church Leap at Kempton (3m, good).
Selection: ROSITARY

**4.10 DUKE OF GLOUCESTER MEMORIAL HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £1,876: 3m 118yd) (10 runners)**

501 2/6311-5 TARTEVIE 14 (D,F,S) (Major M Sample) G Coatsworth 13-12-11 Maj M Sample (7) ● 99
502 P/P82/P BRAVE ADMIRAL 16 (K Clark) K Clark 11-12-4 K Clark (7) 78
503 53/P- CRUNCH 310 (C Marriott) C Marriott 10-12-4 Maj C Marriott (7) —
504 65334/6- LATIN AMERICAN 364 (B,F,G,S) (M Moore) M Moore 14-12-4 Cpt J Moore (7) 93
505 P2-2 PRINCE NEPAL 11 (Major E O'F Wilson) R Champion 7 12-4 G Oxley (7) 96
506 2P8- PROVIDE 368 (E Andrewes) E Andrewes 10 12-4 E Andrewes (7) 96
507 3PPUPU- RIGHT CARD 346 (D,F,G,S) J Wingfield Digby 13 12-4 Cpt J Wingfield Digby (7) —
508 1/45/PP TAKEAFENCE 4 (B,D,F,G,S) (Capt J George) Capt J George 13 12-4 T George (7) —
509 63263-4 WATER WAGTAIL 7 (D,S) (J Greenall) J King 10-12-4 J Greenall (7) 92
510 6/ WHEATON 866 (G Prest) G Prest 8-12-4 J Trice Rolph (7) —

BETTING: 9-4 Prince Nepal, 7-2 Tartevie, 11-2 Wheaton, 8-1 Provide, 10-1 Right Card, 12-1 Water Wagtail, Crunch, 16-1 Takeafence, 20-1 others.

1990: FATHER BRADY 11-12-8 Mr J Greenall (3-1) J Greenall 9 ran

**FORM FOCUS** TARTEVIE 35l 5th to High Edge Grey in Kelso handicap (3m 4f, soft); beat Freddie Teal a neck at Cheltenham (4m, good to firm).
PRINCE NEPAL 8l 2nd to Final Chant at Doncaster (3m 122yd, good). PROVIDE 1½l 2nd to King Neon at Kempton (3m, good) last season. WATER WAGTAIL was always struggling when over 30l 4th to Teaplanter at Newbury (3m, good) WHEATON, an Irish import, cleverly beat Master Treasure 3½l at Tweseldown (3m, good to soft) last month with RIGHT CARD (same terms) 5l 3rd and PROVIDE (same terms) 30l 4th.
Selection: PRINCE NEPAL

**4.40 LILAC NOVICES HURDLE (£3,239: 2m) (12 runners)**

601 2-14 IT'S AFTER TIME 43 (D,S) (Mrs R Brackenbury) Mrs R Brackenbury 6-11-4 R Greene (5) 89
602 32-1 KING CREDO 78 (D,G) (R Lacey) S Woodman 6-11-4 J Railton 96
603 ALEGBYE (Mrs M McGlone) J Gifford 5-11-0 E Murphy —
604 P- ARMALA 352 (A Blackmore) A Blackmore 6-11-0 S Curran (7) —
605 0 MEADOW COTTAGE 55 (A Ilsley) J Gifford 5-11-0 M Lawrence 82
606 60 NICKSLINE 13 (M Pinto) J Gifford 5-11-0 E McKinley —
607 30-34 POETIC GEM 43 (Lady Harris) G Balding 6-11-0 J Frost 89
608 50 QUICK OPINION 57 (BF) (M Buckley) N Henderson 6-11-0 R Dunwoody ● 99
609 0 RHYTHM AND SONG 96 (Mrs T Pilkington) J Gifford 6-11-0 D Murphy —
610 2-63022 SAILORS LUCK 37 (G Greenwood) R Holder 6-11-0 N Mann 95
611 552300 SCOLE 16 (G Hubbard) F Murphy 6-11-0 J White 96
612 0 WARNER FOR WINNERS 86 (T Warner Sports) P Hobbs 5-11-0 S Earle —

BETTING: 3-1 Quick Opinion, 4-1 Sailors Luck, 6-1 King Credo, 8-1 It's After Time, 10-1 Meadow Cottage, 12-1 Poetic Gem, 14-1 Scole, 16-1 others.

1990: ABBOTTS VIEW 6-11-8 P Scudamore (7-1) C Brooks 12 ran

**FORM FOCUS** IT'S AFTER TIME 15l 4th to Requested at Newton Abbot (2m 150yd, soft); earlier beat Coole Dodger 2l over the same course and distance with POETIC GEM (4lb better off) 1½l 3rd.
KING CREDO beat Monday Club ½l at Lingfield (2m, good). MEADOW COTTAGE 31l 7th to New Duds at Ascot (2m, soft) with NICKSLINE 12th. QUICK OPINION tailed off 12th to South Harvest at Wincanton (2m 6f, good); earlier 17l 5th to Upton Park at Chepstow (2m 4f, good). SAILORS LUCK 17l 3rd to Oneupmanship at Windsor (2m 30yd, good): earlier 12l 2nd to Granville Again at Wolverhampton (2m, good to soft). SCOLE under 1l 3rd of 17 to Charlton Yeoman at Towcester (2m, good) in December
Selection: SAILORS LUCK (nap)

## Course specialists

| TRAINERS | Winners | Runners | Per cent | JOCKEYS | Winners | Rides | Per cent |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| R Holder | 5 | 13 | 38.5 | N Mann | 4 | 7 | 57 1 |
| C Brooks | 11 | 39 | 28.2 | Mr G Oxley | 6 | 23 | 26 1 |
| M Pipe | 12 | 53 | 22.6 | S Smith Eccles | 20 | 89 | 22.5 |
| Mrs J Pitman | 18 | 81 | 22.2 | M Pitman | 6 | 28 | 21 4 |
| D Murray Smith | 7 | 32 | 21 9 | J Osborne | 9 | 42 | 21 4 |
| D Grissell | 6 | 29 | 20 7 | P Scudamore | 22 | 128 | 17.2 |

● Peter Niven, enjoying his best-ever season, has been booked to partner Joint Sovereignty for John Wilson in the Seagram Grand National It will be his first ride in the race.

Niven also rides Joint Sovereignty in the Ritz Club National Hunt Chase at Cheltenham. Wilson saddles the filly Persuasive, to be ridden by Jason Callaghan, in the Triumph Hurdle

## CARLISLE

### Selections

| By Mandarin | By Thunderer |
|---|---|
| 2.00 Arpal Breeze. | 2.00 Arpal Breeze. |
| 2.30 Norval. | 2.30 Jesters Prospect. |
| 3.00 Morgans Harbour. | 3.00 Morgans Harbour. |
| 3.30 Share A Friend. | 3.30 Scarning Dale. |
| 4.00 Eillie On. | 4.00 Hockley. |
| 4.30 Shoon Wind. | 4.30 Galadine. |
| 5.00 Hazlewood Glen. | 5.00 Raith Homes. |

Michael Seely's selection: 4.30 GALADINE (nap).

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.00 MORGANS HARBOUR.

**Going: good to soft**

**2.0 NEWCASTLE BROWN ALE TOP OF THE NORTH NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £2,072: 2m 4f) (18 runners)**

1 302-124 ARPAL BREEZE 65 (BF,G) (G Adam) G Richards 6-11-4 N Doughty 90
2 00-4212 KUSHBALOO 77 (CD,G) (R Green) C Parker 6-11-4 B Storey 91
3 23-15 NORTHANTS 41 (CD,G) (C Rennison) W Storey 5-11-4 K Doolan ● 99
4 65/44-05 BORDER FOLLY 95 (Mrs L Fraser) J Haldane 6-11-0 T Reed 83
5 0-02233 MISTER MOODY 18 (J Hellens) J Hellens 6-11-0 A Orkney 78
6 0 NORTH PRIDE 64 (J Wills) S Payne 6-11-0 C Hawkins —
7 USU0 POLITICAL ISSUE 14 (T Robson) T Robson 7-11-0 Mrs A Farrell 79
8 6- SANSOOL 580 (A Whillans) A Whillans 5-11-0 — —
9 00-0 SOME FINGERS 107 (Mrs L Joicey) J Charlton 6-11-0 J O'Gorman (3) —
10 0-0004 SPONSOR LIGHT 79 (J Gledson) J Gledson 7-11-0 Mr J M Dun 78
11 60 SPY HILL 79 (D Bramall) B McLean 6-11-0 P Niven —
12 650-0 SUREST DANCER 16 (W Barker) W Barker 5-11-0 G Harker 77
13 TALL MEASURE 140F (D Swindlehurst) D Swindlehurst 5-11-0 Mr D Swindlehurst —
14 0-5 TRUELY ROYAL 70 (A Eubank) A Eubank 7-11-0 L O'Hara (3) 75
15 65P-0 WESTWARD DRIFT 16 (P Cox) G Richards 6-11-0 M Dwyer —
16 OAKWOOD ROYAL (J Monkhouse) S Payne 5-10-9 S Turner —
17 0 FORBIDDEN CITY 13 (F Jestin) F Jestin 4-10-7 Mr H Flanagan (7) —
18 654050 LITTLE SAFFRONS 44 (A Doyle) T Cunningham 4-10-7 S Cunningham —

BETTING: 3-1 Arpal Breeze, 7-2 Kushbaloo, 4-1 Northants, 6-1 Border Folly, 8-1 Westward Drift, 10-1 Mister Moody, 12-1 Surest Dancer, 14-1 Political Issue, 16-1 others.

1990: FALSE ECONOMY 5-11-0 T Morgan (9-1) J Edwards 18 ran

**2.30 EDINBURGH WOOLLEN MILL NOVICES CHASE (£7,327: 2m 4f) (9 runners)**

1 531211 MERITMOORE 55 (CD,G,S) (G Borek) G Moore 8-11-13 M Dwyer 92
2 4/21511 NORVAL 9 (D,F,G,S) (N Mason Ltd) Mrs G Reveley 9-11-10 P Niven 90
3 412531 PACO'S BOY 7 (B,D,F,S) (F Roofing Ltd) J J O'Neill 8-11-10 L Wyer 87
4 50/5U46 DIVINE CHARGER 78 (F) (E De Plumpton Hunter) W A Stephenson 7-11-3 G Grant 78
5 4-U0420 INTARSIA 39 (J Hinchliffe) K Oliver 7-11-3 T Reed 87
6 2132-14 JESTERS PROSPECT 14 (S) (J Goodfellow) G Richards 7-11-3 N Doughty —
7 065 JUST MASKARADER 77 (W Aitchison) J Charlton 6-11-3 B Storey —
8 10/23P-F MERRYACRES 8 (F) (Mrs E Verity) R Whitaker 8-11-3 S Turner 70
9 22U32U ROY'S DREAM 7 (BF,F) (C Bird) S Leadbetter 8-11-3 C Hawkins ● 99

BETTING: 5-2 Norval, 3-1 Paco's Boy, 4-1 Jesters Prospect, 5-1 Meritmoore, 6-1 Roy's Dream, 8-1 Intarsia, 14-1 others.

1990: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

**3.0 VIEW HOLLO NOVICES HURDLE (£2,023: 3m 100yd) (12 runners)**

1 430251 PALANQUIN 13 (D,S) (R Fairs) W Reed 9-11-11 T Reed 88
2 0-46634 ABERCROMBY CHIEF 41 (Abercromby Corporation) K Oliver 6-11-5 — 77
3 314-6P6 BORDER OAK 16 (F) (I Pearson) J Charlton 9-11-5 G Harker —
4 6 CARRICK COURT 70 (Miss V Foster) G Moore 5-11-5 M Dwyer —
5 00UFU-B CORBITTS MILITARIA 6 (B) (N Roche) B Ellison 9-11-5 N Roche (7) —
6 00-504P GEEANTEE 46 (G & T Syndicate) B McLean 6-11-5 C Grant 79
7 6-6022P KANGAROO COURT 6 (A Rudd) J J O'Neill 5-11-5 A Dobbin (7) 89
8 042 MORGANS HARBOUR 16 (Minizen Ltd) K Burke 5-11-5 R Supple ● 99
9 1402 PORTAVOGIE 13 (S) (R Green) C Parker 7-11-5 B Storey 93
10 0060/2 SILAS 9 (G Faber) M Hammond 6-11-5 P Niven 74
11 00-0605 WHAAT FETTLE 14 (Edinburgh Mill Ltd) G Richards 6-11-5 N Doughty 85
12 0 MADAM BEE 35 (Mrs M Dickinson) T Tate 7-11-0 G Bradley —

BETTING: 11-4 Kangaroo Court, 7-2 Morgans Harbour, 9-2 Wheat Fettle, 6-1 Silas, 8-1 Portavogie, 10-1 Palanquin 12-1 Abercromby Chief, 14-1 others

1990: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

**3.30 GONE AWAY EBF INTERMEDIATE HANDICAP CHASE (£2,674. 2m) (4 runners)**

1 U111P-4 SHARE A FRIEND 119 (C,F,G,S) (Mrs A Fisher) G Richards 10-12-0 N Doughty 91
2 3-32P31 SCARNING DALE 58 (G,S) (Lt-Col W Monteith) P Monteith 8-10-13. L O'Hara (3) 93
3 33153-P SUPER FOUNTAIN 100 (C,S) (Mrs F Walton) F Walton 8-10-7 B Storey ● 99
4 006544 DINSDALE LAD 3 (Armstrong/Greenwell) M Barnes 5-10-0 P Murtagh (7) 81

Long handicap: Dinsdale Lad 9-7

BETTING: 5-4 Scarning Dale, 11-8 Share A Friend, 5-1 Super Fountain, 16-1 Dinsdale Lad

1990: HOTPLATE 7-10-4 M Dwyer (10-11 fav) D McCain 5 ran

**4.0 TALLY HO CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,856: 2m 1f 110yd) (13 runners)**

1 53100-P VALE OF SECRECY 111 (F,S) (Mrs D Miller) R Fisher 10-12-0 N Roche (5) ● 99
2 3/550/5 HOCKLEY 41 (S) (R Jeffreys) G Richards 7-12-0 L O'Hara —
3 005100/ ALLERLAD 742 (S) (D MacDonald) D MacDonald 8-11-10 A Lamach (3) —
4 PFF110 AZUSA 147 (CD,F,G) (D Ward) M Hammond 8-11-9 D Bentley (5) 87
5 1005-54 MAGIC SOLDIER 41 (G) (Mrs B McKinney) G Richards 6-11-2 M Moloney —
6 0/0100-P ALLGALLO 177 (CD,F) (E Waugh) C Parker 7-11-2 J Callaghan 86
7 FP0154 EQUINOCTIAL 9 (S) (N Miller) N Miller 6-10-13 A Heywood (5) 88
8 U0/6-P11 INCENSE 70 (B,G,S) (D Swindlehurst) D Swindlehurst 11-10-12 N Leach (5) —
9 44P-200 MRS PEOPLEATER 59 (G,S) (G Lawson) C Weedon 6-10-11 D O'Sullivan 98
10 630530 ROMAN DUSK 34 (F,G,S) (W Lockey) B Wilkinson 11-10-6 R Hodge 94
11 P/05000 ALI-MAR-HEL 13 (S) (Mrs M Dixon) J Jefferson 7-10-8 B Dalton (5) 95
12 1-35006 EILLIE ON 14 (F,S) (M Shirvinton) J Goulding 6-10-0 C Dennis 95
13 003500 ANOTHER FOUNTAIN 16 (Mrs E Dixon) J Dixon 5-10-0 F Murtagh 89

Long handicap: Another Fountain 9-10

BETTING: 7-2 Magic Soldier, 9-2 Hockley, 6-1 Azusa, 8-1 Incense, Mrs Peopleater, 10-1 Equinoctical, Ali-Mar-Hel. 12-1 Allgallo, Vale Of Secrecy, 14-1 others.

1990: GURTEEN BOY 8-12-0 R Supple (7-1) J J O'Neill 16 ran

**4.30 FORARD ON HANDICAP CHASE (£2,933: 3m 2f) (10 runners)**

1 1-1331P BOREEN OWEN 10 (G,S) (J J O'Neill) J J O'Neill 7-11-10 T Reed 95
2 2811P0 PAMPERING 14 (CD,G,S) (Mrs J Brockbank) J Brockbank 10-11-6 G Bradley 92
3 08P-311 SHOON WIND 77 (C,F,G,S) (Mrs M Scholey) M Hammond 8-11-4 P Niven 93
4 42F215 RADICAL LADY 16 (BF,F,G,S) (N Mason Ltd) G Moore 7-11-1 M Dwyer ● 99
5 2F5002 WREKIN HILL 3 (B,S) (P Piller) W A Stephenson 9-11-1 C Grant 95
6 84-PF22 GALADINE 15 (G,S) (J Lawson) M H Easterby 9-10-11 L Wyer 94
7 9-42315 GREEN ARCHER 35 (D,G,S) (R Moody) Mrs J Ramsden 8-10-6 Mr S Swiers 98
8 32121-1 CAMIONNAGE 39 (F,G,S) (A Crow) A Crow 10-10-2 A Orkney 97
9 65046P BROWNHILL LASS 16 (S) (A Paton) R Goldie 10-10-2 G Scope (7) 86
10 U3403P JACK OF CLUBS 16 (B,G,S) (B McLean) B McLean 11-10-0 B Storey 86

BETTING: 3-1 Galadine, 7-2 Radical Lady, 4-1 Shoon Wind, 6-1 Boreen Owen, Camionnage, 8-1 Wrekin Hill, 10-1 Pampering, 12-1 Green Archer, 14-1 others.

1990: COUTURE COLOR 7-10-0 D Shaw (10-1) J Mackie 5 ran

**5.0 GONE TO GROUND NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,463: 2m 1f 110yd) (14 runners)**

1 1 HAZLEWOOD GLEN 14 (S) (Mrs S Worthington) T Tate 5-12-1 W Fry (7) —
2 0 BIRTHDAY PARTY 16 (Mrs A Hamilton) Mrs A Hamilton 5-11-8 Miss P Robson (7) —
3 CANDY TUFF (G Stevenson) Mrs G Reveley 5-11-8 R Hodge (7) —
4 KINGS LAW (D Scott) D Scott 5-11-8 Mr D Scott —
5 03 RAITH HOMES 14 (Raith Property Co Ltd) G Richards 5-11-8 L O'Hara (3) —
6 0 SPY'S DELIGHT 77 (Mrs A Hewitt) Mrs A Hewitt 5-11-8 Philip Johnson (7) —
7 CANTGETOUT (Mrs V O'Leary) R O'Leary 5-11-3 J Callaghan (3) —
8 0- DERWENT MIST 352 (D MacDonald) D MacDonald 5-11-3 N Leach (7) —
9 0 DREAM DELIGHT 39 (C Fawcett) C Parker 5-11-3 M Moloney (5) —
10 DISTINCTLY BRAVE (Yorkshire Racing Club) J Jefferson 4-11-0 B Dalton (7) —
11 MASTER MATHEW (J Walby) W A Stephenson 4-11-0 A Lamach (7) —
12 PLATINUM REBEL (S Ramsey) J Charlton 4-11-0 J O'Gorman (3) —
13 0 TIMANFAYA 38 (Mrs D Culham) Mrs D Culham 4-11-0 Mr R Robinson —
14 0 COOL DYNASTY 16 (Mrs M Kendall) Mrs M Kendall 4-10-9 Mrs M Kendall —

BETTING: 7-4 Hazelwood Glen, 3-1 Raith Homes, 9-2 Candy Tuff, 6-1 Spy's Delight, 8-1 Master Mathew, 10-1 Distinctly Brave, 12-1 Cantgetout, 14-1 others

1990: PADAVENTURE 5-11-1 R Hodge (10-1) Mrs G Reveley 21 ran

## Course specialists

| TRAINERS | Winners | Runners | Per cent | JOCKEYS | Winners | Rides | Per cent |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| M Hammond | 4 | 12 | 33.3 | G Bradley | 4 | 13 | 30.8 |
| J Brookbank | 5 | 21 | 23.8 | N Doughty | 27 | 95 | 28.4 |
| M H Easterby | 6 | 26 | 23.1 | L Wyer | 9 | 33 | 27.3 |
| Mrs G Reveley | 9 | 43 | 20 9 | P Niven | 15 | 68 | 22 1 |
| G Richards | 36 | 183 | 19 7 | M Dwyer | 11 | 66 | 16 7 |
| G Moore | 12 | 64 | 18.8 | R Supple | 3 | 20 | 15 0 |

## MARKET RASEN

### Selections

By Mandarin

2.15 Hunted. 2.45 Good Tonic 3 15 Anurag. 3 50 Nessfield. 4.20 Change The Name 4 50 Final Chance 5 20 Deep Chance

By Thunderer

2.15 Emerald Gem 2.45 Good Tonic. 3 15 Angels Kiss. 3.50 Nessfield 4.20 TRUE LOOP (nap). 4 50 Final Chant. 5 20 Tuffnut George

Michael Seely's selection 4 50 Final Chant

Brian Beel's selection 4 50 Final Chant.

**Going: good to soft (soft patches straight)** **SIS**

**2.15 SCAMPTON MAIDEN CLAIMING HURDLE (£2,215: 2m 1f) (14 runners)**

1 0-PP ALBERT PLACE 45 K Morgan 5-11-12 A S Smith (5)
2 0-33 EMERALD GEM 13 O Brennan 5-11-8 M Brennan
3 PP50 MR FELIX 50 R Champion 5-11-8 P Barnard (3)
4 45- TOWNY BOY 21F J Jefferson 5-11-8 D Byrne
5 P CARRY ON CARY 11 R Stubbs 5-11-8 B Miles (7)
6 P55- ROWDY 303 R Barr 5-11-6 N Smith (5)
7 0F09 CAVALCANTI 16 (B) J Glover 5-11-5 B D Williams (7)
8 0 GOLFE DU LION 32 (B) C Beever 5-11-5 R Beggan
9 ACQUA NOIR 92F R Williams 4-11-4 S Keightley
10 R HUNTED 9 M Pipe 4-11-4 D Gallagher
11 ANGELICA PARK 7F J Wharton 5-11-1 S J O'Neill
12 5223 BANTON LOCH 16 (V) C Tinkler 4-11-0 W Dwan (7)
13 F0 DANNY BLANCHFLOWER 9F M Chapman 4-10-12 W Worthington
14 6P3 THE PRODIGAL 18 P Felden 4-10-10 J Twomey (7)

5-4 Emerald Gem, 11-4 Banton Loch, 4-1 Hunted, 6-1 Towny Boy 8-1 The Prodigal, 12-1 Rowdy 16-1 others

**2.45 WADDINGTON CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,879: 2m 1f) (5)**

1 1322 GOOD TONIC 11 (F,G,S) T Etherington 8-12-0 R Martin (5)
2 2F1F FAMOUS LAD 45 (CD,S) R Lee 8-11-6 C Maude
3 1F2U DEERNESS SPOOK 13 (F) T Thomson Jones 8-11-0 P Barnard
4 1663 MOE GREENE 13 (C,F,G,S) J McConnochie 11-10-8 R Bellamy
5 U1PP VALENTINOS JOY 8 (C,F,G,S) G Oldroyd 12-10-7 P Midgley

6-4 Good Tonic 3-1 Moe Greene 5-1 Deerness Spook 6-1 Famous Lad 8-1 Valentinos Joy

**3.15 CRANWELL SELLING HURDLE (£1 813 2m 1f) (11)**

1 2214 A GENTLEMAN TWO 58 (D,G) G Moore 5-11-9 N Bentley (7)
2 651P DIAMOND PATH 25 (CD,S) N Tinkler 5-11-9 G McCourt
3 6522 ANURAG 15 W Musson 5-11-2 P McEntee (7)
4 -422 ULLSWATER 146 F Jordan 5-11-2 J Lodder (3)
5 236- ANGELS KISS 314 Mrs J Robson 5-10-11 R Marley
6 -P00 ARISIE 82 R Peacock 5-10-11 —
7 400- BELFIL 289 K Morgan 5-10-11 A S Smith (5)
8 0355 DUBLIN BREEZE 16 J Harris 4-10-8 J A Harris
9 025 MECADO 10 F Yardley 4-10-8 M Hoad (5)
10 0 NORDIC DELIGHT 10 (B) J Roberts 4-10-8 —
11 6P SUSPECT DEVICE 11 Mrs J Robson 4-10-8 B McGiff (5)

3-1 A Gentleman Too, 7-2 Ullswater 9-2 Diamond Path,

**3.50 SCUNTHORPE ROD MILL HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,184: 2m 6f) (12)**

1 6825 SHERWOOD GUNNER 11 (F,G,S) O Brennan 9-12-0 M Brennan
2 2141 NESSFIELD 9 (S) K Morgan 5-11-2 (7ex) A S Smith (5)
3 /P-P MANDALAY PRINCE 13 T Kersey 7 10-10 Simon Kersey
4 212P INTEGRITY BOY 38 (B,C,F,G,S) R O'Leary 4-10-3 R Fisher
5 21-U BHARKAT 193 (D,F) J Norton 5-10-2 P Harley
6 -050 FIFTH ATTEMPT 8 (F,S) P Felgate 9-10-1 D Gallagher
7 3642 ROSTREAMER 43 (D,G) C Bravery 8-10-0 R Beggan
8 PP- COLLISTO 364 (F) D Bell 10-10-0 Gee Armytage
9 506F MO ICHI DO 34 (B,F) Miss S Wilton 5-10-0 S Davies (3)
10 /6-P SKIDDY LAD 34 (S) S Smith 9-10-0 N Smith (5)
11 -523 ISOBAR 7F (F) M Chapman 5-10-0 W Worthington
12 /UP BARCHAM PRINCE 38 (S) T Kersey 9-10-0 D Wilkinson

15-8 Sherwood Gunner 2-1 Nessfield, 11-2 Rostreamer Integrity Boy 10-1 Isobar 12-1 Fifth Attempt, 14-1 others

**4.20 BET WITH THE TOTE NOVICES CHASE (Qualifier £2,678 3m) (10)**

1 -23F BLAKES SON 8 (F) M W Easterby 8-10-10 G McCourt
2 32F5 BULLET TRAIN 9 (S) Mrs S Smith 8-10-10 R Strange
3 2432 CHANGE THE NAME 105 (B,G,S) P Blockley 8-10-10 A Webb
4 /2P GOOD AFTERNOON 10 (S) R Tate 11 10-10 Miss F Tate (7)
5 P506 LITTLE BRYMA 16 Dr L Perry 9-10-10 W Worthington
6 40-P RAMPANT 11 (F,S) R Barr 12-10-10 Mr N Brown
7 /0U ROUND THE BLOCK 69 (S) C Tinkler 9-10-10 R Bellamy (3)
8 3R22 TRUE LOOP 15 (F) Mrs F Walwyn 9-10-10 P Verling (3)
9 P0P4 BILL AND COUP 17 K Morgan 6-10-5 A S Smith (5)
10 EBONY SPRING Mrs P Barthorpe 8-10-5 N Smith (5)

7-4 True Loop 7-2 Change The Name, Bullet Train, 13-2 Blakes Son, 12-1 Good Afternoon 16-1 others

**4.50 BEAUMONTCOTE HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs £2,267 3m) (8)**

1 3-25 BRONZE HEAD 11 (CD,G,S) A Bones 13-12-7 N Wilson (7)
2 1F-1 FINAL CHANT 11 (D,F,G) D Brydon 10-12 7 N Brown (7)
3 /U-4 GOLDEN CASINO 11 (D,F,G,S) Mrs P Barthorpe 13-12-7 S R Andrews (7)
4 0F/ BOLD BARON 753 M Harker 9-12-0 —
5 0- COLD MOSS 326 D Emery 6-12-0 Miss S Burton (7)
6 U24- POLITBURO 287 T Normington 11 12-0 R Normington (7)
7 /5-P SHACKIN BRIG 10 (B,D,G) Mrs C Gisborne 14-12-0 S Charlton (7)
8 U/6 TEMPLETOWN 11 D Bloor 12-12-0 D Bloor (7)

4-9 Final Chant, 6-1 Golden Casino, 8-1 Bronze Head, 12-1 Politburo, 25-1 Templetown Shackin Brig, 33-1 others

**5.20 TOFT NEWTON NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,933 1m 6f) (16)**

1 0 CHARLY MUTUAL 77 F Jordan 5-11-6 J Lodder (3)
2 DEEP CHANCE Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-11-6 W Dwan (7)
3 NAUTICAL FESTIVAL M Ryan 6-11-6 P McEntee (7)
4 0 THE COMMUNICATOR 13 C Tinkler 5-11-6 R Bellamy (7)
5 THE ETRUSCAN O Brennan 5 11 6 S Ryan (7)
6 AQIQ J Bostock 4 11-0 Miss S Murgatroyd
7 COULTON M W Easterby 4 11-0 C Ryan (7)
8 FAVOURED VICTOR K Morgan 4 11-0 A S Smith (5)
9 RIO AZUL D Bell 4-11-0 P Kelly (7)
10 43 TUFFNUT GEORGE 32 (BF) J Pickering 4-11-0 D Dennis (7)
11 52 CELTIC WIND 10 (BF) R Price 4-10-9 V Slattery (7)
12 CHIEF LADY EMMA J McConnochie 4-10-9 S Cusack (7)
13 04 ENKINDLE 39 C W C Elsey 4-10-9 J Corkell (7)
14 LADY KIP G Oldroyd 4-10-9 B McGiff (5)
15 PASTREL Mrs G Reveley 4-10-9 Mr M Buckley (7)
16 TREBURRICK B McMahon 4-10-9 Gary Lyons (3)

15-8 Favoured Victor 5-2 Deep Chance 6-1 Pastrel

## Course specialists

TRAINERS: R Lee, 5 winners from 13 runners, 38.5% M Pipe 21 from 56, 37 5%, C Tinkler 4 from 12 33.3%, M Ryan, 5 from 19 26.3%, N Tinkler 17 from 65 26 2% R Barr 3 from 12, 25 0%

JOCKEYS: C Maude 3 winners from 7 rides, 42 9%, G McCourt, 21 from 66, 31 8%, D Byrne 15 from 63, 23 8% B McGiff 5 from 24 20.8%, A Webb 6 from 30 20 0% R Beggan 7 from 52 13.5%

## SOUTHWELL

### Selections

By Mandarin

2.30 Clear Light. 3.0 La Masaas. 3 30 Silly's Brother 4.0 King Duncan 4 30 Vickenda 5 0 Native Suitor

By Thunderer

2.30 Clear Light. 3 0 La Masaas. 3 30 Ensharp 4.0 Petite Elite. 4.30 Vickenda. 5 0 Island Jetsetter

**Going: standard** **SIS**

**Draw: 5f-1m, low numbers best**

**2.30 MILTON HANDICAP (£2,412: 1m 4f) (7 runners)**

1 051- CLEAR LIGHT 128 (G) M Pipe 4-9-10. J Williams 1
2 1328 MYSTERY BAND 7 (C,F) C Beever 5-9-1 S O'Gorman (5) 2
3 1333 BEDOUIN PRINCE 7 (CD) J Harris 4-8-12 T Williams 7
4 030- SUM MEDE 22J (F) P Blockley 4-8-10 K Fallon 3
5 U0-0 PAS DE REEF 7 (F,G) M Brittain 4-7-13 S Maloney (5) 4
6 /6-0 PATHERO 9 (D,F,G,S) N Bycroft 7-7-11 J Fanning (5) 6
7 168- NIPOTINA 150 (F) R Hollinshead 5-7-11 A Garth (7) 5

5-2 Clear Light, 3-1 Bedouin Prince, 7-2 Mystery Band. 6-1 Sum Mede, 8-1 Pas De Reef, 10-1 Nipotina, 14-1 Pathero

**3.0 SKEGBY CLAIMING STAKES (£2,542: 3-Y-O: 6f) (11)**

1 11-3 FRIENDLY CLAIM 85 (CD,F,G) T Barron 9-7 Alex Greaves (3) 9
2 50-1 LA MASAAS 17 (D,F) P Haslam 9-7 Dean McKeown 10
3 23-4 CONTINENTAL CARL 17 (B,F) J Jenkins 8-13 J Williams 2
4 202- STONELEIGH ABBEY 80 R Hollinshead 8-13 E Husband (7) 1
5 TELEGRAPH TOUCH M Brittain 8-13 P Sedgwick 3
6 5-24 CARESS 23 (F) Mrs N Macauley 8-12 R Cochrane 5
7 1-44 PING PONG 14 (CD) T Fairhurst 8-8 J Fanning (5) 7
8 1-33 SOUTH CROFTY 37 (D,F) M Johnston 8-7 D Biggs (5) 11
9 -640 WHERE'S CAROL 17 (CD) C Allen 8-2 A Munro 4
10 5-06 IMITATE 23 (D,S) D Chapman 8-0 S Wood (3) 8
11 -655 MISDEMEANOURS GIRL 20 M Channon 7-12 J Quinn 6

7-4 La Masaas, 7-2 Friendly Claim, 5-1 South Crofty

**3.30 OSSINGTON HANDICAP (£2,391 6f) (5)**

1 -430 YOUNG SHADOWFAX 13 (D,F) C Allen 4-9-10 M Tebbutt 1
2 000- BRISAS 142 (B,F,G) T Fairhurst 4-9-9 J Fanning (5) 2
3 -631 ENSHARP 8 (C) J Leigh 5-9-7 (7ex) A Culhane 5
4 1611 SILLY'S BROTHER 7 (CD) N Bycroft 5-8-8 (7ex) S Webster 4
5 0540 ELEGANT ROSE 13 (B,D,G) O O'Neill 5-8-5 Emma O'Gorman (5) 3

6-4 Silly's Brother, 7-4 Ensharp, 4-1 Young Shadowfax.

**4.0 DESIGN CONTRACTORS MAIDEN APPRENTICE STAKES (£2,477: 6f) (11)**

1 2 KING DUNCAN 8 Mrs N Macauley 4-9-7 Alex Greaves 10
2 325- LORD MAGESTER 13J J Johnson 4-9-7 J Weaver 6
3 0-30 ALWAYS TREASURE 23 Miss G Rees 5-9-2 D Biggs 4
4 2040 PETITE ELITE 7 (B) Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-9-2 D Smith 8
5 2436 DAMAAZ 14 (V) J Wainwright 3-8-6 G Parkin 1
6 80- VENICE IN PERIL 168 P Haslam 3-8-6 N Kennedy 9
7 0-04 BRERA 49 (B) Mrs L Piggott 3-8-1 G Milligan (5) 3
8 6-69 CAERULIA 45 W Pearce 3-8-1 J J O'Dwyer 11
9 GREEN'S BONHEUR P Cole 3-8-1 G Hind 5
10 50 MISS MAGENTA 14 R Thompson 3-8-1 T Sprake 2
11 008- TOM'S ARCTIC DREAM 143 W Williams 3-8-1 A Tucker 7

11-4 King Duncan 7-2 Green's Bonheur 4-1 Petite Elite 5-1 Lord Magester 6-1 Damaaz 8-1 Brera, 12-1 others

**4.30 NORMANTON HANDICAP (£2,738: 7f) (15)**

1 5220 HARD SELL 21 (E,CD,F) Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-9-11 D Smith (5) 11
2 605- SLEEPLINE FANTASY 237 (F,G,S) M Channon 6-9-10 J Quinn 15
3 0002 VINTAGE TYPE 7 (D,F) D Chapman 4-9-10 D Nicholls 9
4 205- WHITE SAPPHIRE 147J (B,F,S) J Wainwright 6-9-9 G Baxter 14
5 5262 TOPHAMS 9 (C) R Hollinshead 5-9-9 S Perks 3
6 3301 COX CREEK 31 (D) W O'Gorman 4-9-4 Emma O'Gorman (5) 4
7 00-0 KINSFIELD 17 (S) T McGovern 6-8-12 A Tucker (7) 1
8 -623 MISS KNIGHT 9 (CD,BF,G) R Bastiman 4-8-10 H Bastiman (7) 5
9 3-64 SERIOUS TIME 23 M Prescott 3-8-9 G Duffield 7
10 0414 VERRO 6 (B,C) J Bennett 4-8-2 N Carlisle 8
11 00-3 DEE AND EM 9 (B,F,G) M Chapman 6-8-1 T Williams 2
12 000- ORIENTAL NATIVE 238 P Haslam 4-7-11 N Kennedy (5) 6
13 00-5 GREENSIDE 14 R Thompson 3-7-9 S Wood (3) 13
14 0-02 VICKENDA 9 (V,D,F) C Allen 5-7-7 B Doyle (7) 12
15 0-03 SHOWACA 49 R Marvin 3-7-7 — 10

4-1 Tophams, 9-2 Cox Creek, 5-1 Vintage Type, 6-1 Vickenda, 8-1 Hard Sell, 10-1 Miss Knight, 12-1 others

**5.0 TUXFORD DESIGN CONTRACTORS MAIDEN STAKES (£2,477 1m) (13)**

1 /0-5 IBN NAAS 21 B McMath 5-9-0 B Crossley 12
2 0/0 ILEWIN 21 J Wharton 4-9-0 J Quinn 5
3 200- ISLAND JETSETTER 122 N Tinkler 5-9-0 Kim Tinkler 13
4 04-2 NATIVE SUITOR 7 P Blockley 4-9-0 K Fallon 1
5 -655 PLEASURE AHEAD 7 M Channon 4-9-0 J Williams 3
6 00 POTAMOS 7 C Brittain 4-9-0 R Cochrane 6
7 3-50 RED PENCIL 21 R Hollinshead 5-9-0 S Perks 7
8 00/0 CAMMY COME HOME 7 (B) Miss G Rees 4-8-9 S Webster 2
9 0/ KASHMIRI WIND 15J J Bosley 5-8-9 G Baxter 11
10 0 LAZY HILL 34 D Chapman 4-8-9 S Wood (3) 9
11 000/ MY CONCORDIA 79J C Broad 5-8-9 Alex Greaves (3) 10
12 /60- REPACKER 419 C Allen 5-8-9 M Tebbutt 8
13 0 SIOBHAN MARIE 21 M Pipe 5-8-9 — 4

3-1 Island Jetsetter 7-2 Native Suitor 4-1 Pleasure Ahead, 6-1 Repacker 8-1 Red Pencil 10-1 Potamos. 12-1 others

## Course specialists

TRAINERS: T Barron, 39 winners from 124 runners, 31 5%, W O'Gorman, 13 from 44 29 5% P Cole, 4 from 20, 20 0%, Jimmy Fitzgerald, 7 from 46, 15.2% M Prescott, 6 from 40, 15 0%, W Pearce, 4 from 28, 14 3%

JOCKEYS: Alex Greaves, 42 winners from 114 rides, 36.8%, T Sprake, 4 from 14, 28.6%, M Tebbutt, 6 from 26, 23 1%, Emma O'Gorman, 12 from 54 22 2% J Fanning, 7 from 37 18.9%, D Nicholls, 8 from 46, 17 4%

# Wincanton results

Going: good to soft

**2.0** (2m 6f hdle) 1, **SHAH'S CHOICE** (B Powell, 8-1); 2, Shaston (J Neaves, 15-2); 3, Nick The Dreamer (B Clifford, 10-1) ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Duncan Idaho (4th), 7-2 Blake's Progress (pu), 9-2 Seven Of Diamonds, 11 Shelchio Boy (5th). 16 Penalty Double (pu), 25 Chatty Fellow (pu), Saint Acton, Between The Sheets, River Bed (6th), 66 Mr Optimist (pu). 13 ran 15l, nk, 8l, 1½l, 8l. C Popham at Taunton Tote £10.00: £2.40, £2.10, £3.20 DF £44 60 CSF £66.27 Tricast: £569 14

**2.30** (2m 5f ch) 1, **SOCKS DOWNE** (Mr J Rees, 5-1); 2, Cash Crisis (Mr A Farrant, 20-1); 3, Farmlea Boy (Mr S Mullins, 11-4 fav); 4, Chatsby (Mr R Farrant, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Out Of Stock (ur), 8 Okeetee, Beech Park (5th), 10 The Humble Tiller, 16 Mr Seagull, 33 Beaconside, Torre Trader 50 Lavant Way (f), 66 Moral Victory (6th), The Fruit (ur), 100 Danish Pauper (pu), Duncliffe Dancer (ur). 16 ran 2l, 1½l, 30l, ¾l, 5l. J King at Swindon Tote £4 70; £1.40, £4.80, £1.30, £2.30 DF £792 00 CSF £89.32 Tricast: £301 74

**3.0** (2m hdle) 1, **TOM CLAPTON** (P Scudamore, 4-5 fav); 2, Relief Map (R Greene, 16-1); 3, Our Vision (E Byrne, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Tartar's Bow (5th), 6 Fighting Sun (pu), Silvie (4th). 40 Swingtime Belle (pu), 50 Commanchero (6th). Eden's Dawn (pu), Isipingo (pu), Post Code (pu). 11 ran. 1½l, 15l, 8l, 6l, ¾l M Pipe at Wellington. Tote: £1 70; £1 10, £3.00, £3 10 DF £12.20 CSF £14.61

**3.30** (2m ch) 1, **RECORD FLIGHT** (B Powell, 5-1); 2, Sea Island (P Scudamore, 8-15 fav); 3, Regento (A Tory, 50-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Rare Luck (4th), 16 Electress (f), 33 Chiaffa (ref), 50 Border Cherry (f), Free Expression (pu). 8 ran. 2½l, 1½l, 20l G Ham at Axbridge. Tote: £5.50; £1.20 £1.30, £3.30 DF £3.60 CSF £7 84

**4.0** (3m 1f ch) 1, **BALLYNEETY** (Mr P Scholfield, 6-1); 2, Billbrook (Mr H Rowsell, 5-1); 3, Bolands Cross (Mr P Talano, 7-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 5 Music Minstrel (pu), 6 Rodden Brook (4th), 10 Shropshire Lad (5th), 12 Noratown (ur), 16 Anything Better (f), Skerry Meadow (pu), 25 St William (pu), 33 Easter Lee (pu), 50 Mr Macgroo (f) 12 ran NR Conradesi 4l, 12l, ¾l, 20l Mrs M Hardley at Cubert. Tote: £7.80; £2 10, £4 40, £1 80 DF £45.80 CSF £123.35

**4.30** (2m hdle) 1, **PARSON'S THORNS** (P Scudamore, 6-5 fav); 2, Coole Dodger (B Powell, 9-2); 3, Pebrey (D Skyrme, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 4 The Shy Controller (4th), 16 Major League, 20 Bold Artist (f), Polydeuces (6th). 25 Ready Or Not, 33 Senna Blue, Daves Delight (5th), Wadswick Lady (ur), 40 Will She Wont She (f), 50 Construction King (bd), Major Elston (bd), Punky Knave (bd), The Butler (pu), Triumphant Chief (bd), Wellington Bay Cassca (bd), Prim And Proper (bd). 20 ran NR: Kinlet's Clown 8l, 4l, 12l, 12l, 8l C Brooks at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £2.30; £1 40, £1 70, £3 10 DF £5 70 CSF £7 43.

**5.0** (2m hdle) 1, **ACCESS SUN** (J Kavanagh, 10-1); 2, Lasting Memory (J Frost, 20-1); 3, Garda's Gold (Martin Jones, 20-1); 4, Lucayan Gold (R Greene, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Rastannora, 5 Recidivist (5th), Prince Merandi, 9 Lyph, 12 Flying Cherub (f), 14 Sterling Silver, 20 Ragtime Solo (f), Oasis, 25 Western Divide, 33 Music Wonder, Star Of Kuwait, Far Out, Arbitrage (6th), Crisp Note, Northern Halo 19 ran. 2½l, ½l, 2l, 5l, 6l J King at Swindon Tote: £10.00; £2.30, £3.60, £7.50, £2.20 DF £186.30 CSF £198.35 Tricast: £3,549.50

Placepot: £32.20.

# Lingfield Park

Going: standard

**2.10** (2m hdle) 1, Tree Rees (Jacqui Oliver, 9-2); 2, Storm Free (11-4 fav); 3, Puff Puff (4-1). 14 ran. 2½l, 1½l Mrs S Oliver Tote: £11 60; £3.80, £1 90, £1 10 DF £10.90 CSF £18.39

**2.40** (2m hdle) 1, Sporting Idol (S Donohoe, 5-6 fav); 2, Durzi (7-1); 3, Windstum (9-4). 9 ran. NR: My Sparkling Ring, Fashion Princess, Sheikh's Pet 8l, 15l C Popham Tote: £2.20; £1 10, £2 10, £1 10 DF £4.50 CSF £7.64

**3.10** (2m 4f hdle) 1, Cazaudehore (S Smith Eccles, 5-1); 2, Grey Sonata (9-4); 3, Manhattan Boy (10-1). Groomsman 13-8 fav 8 ran 15l, 2½l M Robinson Tote £4.50; £3.60, £3 10 DF £21 70 CSF £16.25

**3.40** (3m hdle) 1, Squire Jim (C Llewellyn, 6-1); 2, Pomatum (8-1); 3, Wick Pound (4-1) Go South 11-8 fav 7 ran 20l, 8l N Twiston-Davies Tote £10.80; £7 00, £2 80 DF £27 30 CSF £45 17

**4.10** (2m hdle) 1, Early Breeze (D Gallagher, 6-4 fav); 2, Sand-Dollar (8-1); 3, New Arrangement (9-2). 6 ran. NR: Lave Falls 4l, 1½l M McCourt. Tote: £3.00; £1 10, £3.20 DF £7 80 CSF £10 45

**4.40** (1m 5f flat) 1, Skittle Alley (Mr D Gray, Evens fav); 2, Snowdrifter (5-1); 3, Urban Cowboy (7-4) 6 ran 30l, 8l S Mellor Tote £2.80; £2 00, £2 60 DF £3.90 CSF £6.70

Placepot: £88.30.

# Powell shines

BRENDAN Powell rode an enterprising race to land Shah's Choice the 8-1 winner of the Seavington Handicap Hurdle at Wincanton yesterday Powell shot Shah's Choice into a clear lead from the start and had enough left in the home straight to shake off Shaston to score by 15 lengths.

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# The old legends rise again like the phoenix

**NORMAN HOWELL, Motor Racing Correspondent, previews a closer-than-usual contest in the Formula One series which starts in the United States on Sunday**

IAN STEWART

*Set to tingle the spine: Mansell, Britain's ageless member of the gerontocracy, back in the seat of a Williams, hungry still for glory*

**Phoenix**

SIXTEEN races. That is all it will take between this Sunday and November 3 to decide which driver and which team will be the *Formula One champions.*

The man to watch, as always, will be Ayrton Senna. The Brazilian world champion is favourite to win once more after spending three months relaxing in Brazil, running miles every day, playing with his model planes and recharging the single-mindedness that sets him apart even in this world of freakishly determined people.

Backing him is Ron Dennis and the all-conquering McLaren teamwhich, with Honda, makes up what seems to be a near-unbeatable combination.

But the prancing horse will be breathing down their necks. At the end of last season, Ferrari had the edge on McLaren, and it took some tough driving by Senna to wrest the title from Alain Prost. They are bitter rivals: Senna always refers to the Frenchman as "him", never by name. Prost's comments are more often than not unprintable.

But they have produced some scintillating finales and, with this year's new ruling that all races count towards the final points total, the contest should be even closer.

Ferrari's V12 is a tried and tested engine while Honda's V12 is new. It could take the Japanese a few races to catch up with the Italians but Senna's demonic winning ambition will help them cut down on their rivals' lead time. And there is Jean Alesi. He has hardly raced and yet he is *lined up* in a Ferrari. Even Senna dreams of driving in one of those red cars.

But Alesi may turn out to be more of a hindrance for Prost than for Senna. Towards the end of last season, Dennis made the point that he was pleased Alesi had landed the Ferrari drive. "He'll either cause such problems to the team that their energies will be focused inwards to cope with the disruption, or he'll have one hell of a year, race brilliantly, destroy Prost's confidence, get Ferrari out of his system and then come and drive for me," he said.

Machiavelli would probably find Formula One too hot to handle. And yet they keep coming in, new teams, drivers and sponsors, all queueing up for the chance of global televised glory. Two new teams will be at Phoenix, trying to pre-qualify for Sunday's United States grand prix. One is British, the other Italian.

The British newcomers are 7-up Jordan, powered by Ford and led by Eddie Jordan, the mercurial Dubliner who sold his house to finance his Formula One dream. The Italians are Modena, the brainchild of the former Ferrari engineer, Mauro Forghieri. His is the sweet-sounding Lamborghini V12.

And there are new drivers. Mark Blundell, Pedro Chaves, Mika Hakkinen, Erik Comas and Eric van De Poele, are all hoping to dent the gerontocracy which is threatening to stagnate Formula One driving. On they go, Nelson Piquet, Nigel Mansell, Alain Prost, all well past their prime, yet still winning, still exciting to watch, still hungry for glory. None so more than Mansell, who came close to winning the world title when he was at Williams. Back in the British team, he will try again.

Inside the car, he is one of the spine-tingling best; but outside it, his temperament has come under scrutiny. While Prost, Senna and Piquet would be late at the circuit after practice, poring over print-outs with their race engineers, Mansell, to the annoyance of Ferrari, would be playing golf.

Still, his on-track performance is the most electrifying of all; and the spectators love him. But the top teams might find the going hard at Phoenix. The big V12 and V10 have not had much testing, and those that have, like Ferrari and Minardi, will find the narrow street circuit not suited to their muscle machines.

Ford, with Benetton and Jordan, might get their season off to a good start. But the big surprise might come from an introverted Italian, Stefano Modena. With the Honda V10 engine behind him, the radical Tyrrell body around him and the hot Pirellis beneath him, he could take a few scalps.

## DETAILS OF THE TEAMS AND DRIVERS COMPETING IN THE 1991 GRAND PRIX SEASON

### Ferrari

GPs contested: 472. No. of world titles: 8.
ALAIN PROST (France). Age: 36. Races: 169. Wins: 44. World titles: 3.
JEAN ALESI (France). Age: 27. Races: 23. Wins: 0.
Chassis: Ferrari. Engine: Ferrari V12. Tyres: Goodyear.

### McLaren

GPs contested: 346. No. of world titles: 6.
AYRTON SENNA (Brazil). Age: 30. Races: 110. Wins: 26. World titles: 2.
GERHARD BERGER (Austria). Age: 31. Races: 99. Wins: 5.
Chassis: McLaren. Engine: Honda V12. Tyres: Goodyear.

### Williams

GPs contested: 265. No. of world titles: 4.
NIGEL MANSELL (Great Britain). Age: 37. Races: 149. Wins: 16.
RICCARDO PATRESE (Italy). Age: 35. Races: 208. Wins: 3.
Chassis: Williams. Engine: Renault V10. Tyres: Goodyear.

### Benetton

GPs contested: 137. No. of world titles: none.
NELSON PIQUET (Brazil). Age: 38. Races: 188. Wins: 22. World titles: 3.
ROBERTO MORENO (Brazil). Age: 32. Races: 10.
Chassis: Benetton. Engine: Ford V8. Tyres: Pirelli.

### Footwork

GPs contested: 197. No. of world titles: none.
MICHELE ALBORETO (Italy). Age: 34. Races: 144. Wins: 5.
ALEX CAFFI (Italy). Age: 26. Races: 54.
Chassis: Footwork. Engine: Porsche V12. Tyres: Goodyear.

### Tyrell

GPs contested: 288. No. of world titles: 1.
STEFANO MODENA (Italy). Age: 27. Races: 42.
SATORU NAKAJIMA (Japan). Age: 38. Races: 58.
Chassis: Tyrrell. Engine: Honda V10. Tyres: Pirelli.

### Brabham

GPs contested: 375. No. of world titles: 2.
MARTIN BRUNDLE (Great Britain). Age: 31. Races: 69.
MARK BLUNDELL (Great Britain). Age: 24. First season.
Chassis: Brabham. Engine: Yamaha V12. Tyres: Pirelli.

### Lotus

GPs contested: 426. No. of world titles: 7.
MARTIN DONNELLY (Great Britain). Age: 26. Races: 14.
MIKA HAKKINEN (Finland). Age: 22. First season.
(NB at Phoenix/Sao Paulo JULIAN BAILEY is stand-in for Donnelly).
Chassis: Lotus. Engine: Judd V8. Tyres: Goodyear.

### Fomet (Osella)

GPs contested: 132. No. of world titles: none.
OLIVIER GROUILLARD (France). Age: 32. Races: 21.
Chassis: Fomet. Engine: Hart V8. Tyres: Goodyear.

### AGS

GPs contested: 45. No. of world titles: none.
GABRIELE TARQUINI (Italy). Age: 29. Races: 19.
Chassis: AGS. Engine: Cosworth. Tyres: Goodyear.

### Scuderia Italia

GPs contested: 48. No. of world titles: none.
EMANUELE PIRRO (Italy). Age: 29. Races: 24.
J J LEHTO (Finland). Age: 25. Races: 7.
Chassis: Dallara. Engine: Judd V10. Tyres: Pirelli.

### Ligier

GPs contested: 229. No. of world titles: none.
THIERRY BOUTSEN (Belgium). Age: 33. Races: 121. Wins: 3.
ERIK COMAS (France). Age: 24. First season.
Chassis: Ligier. Engine: Lamborghini V12. Tyres: Goodyear.

### Leyton House

GPs contested: 198. No. of world titles: none.
MAURICIO GUGELMIN (Brazil). Age: 27. Races: 43.
IVAN CAPELLI (Italy). Age: 27. Races: 64.
Chassis: Leyton House. Engine: Ilmore V10. Tyres: Goodyear.

### Minardi

GPs contested: 92. No. of world titles: none.
PIERLUIGI MARTINI (Italy). Age: 29. Races: 54.
GIANNI MORBIDELLI (Italy). Age: 23. Races: 3.
Chassis: Minardi. Engine: Ferrari V12. Tyres: Goodyear.

### Larrousse

GPs contested: 110. No. of world titles: none.
ERIC BERNARD (France). Age: 26. Races: 18.
AGURI SUZUKI (Japan). Age: 30. Races: 17.
Chassis: Lola. Engine: Cosworth V8. Tyres: Goodyear.

### Coloni

GPs contested: 13.
PEDRO CHAVES (Portugal). Age: 25. First season.
Chassis: Coloni. Engine: Cosworth V8. Tyres: Goodyear.

### Modena

GPs contested: none. No. of world titles: none.
ERIC VAN DE POELE (Belgium). Age: 29. First season.
NICOLA LARINI (Italy). Age: 26. Races: 35.
Chassis: Lamborghini. Engine: Lamborghini V12. Tyres: Goodyear.

### Jordan

GPs contested: none. No. of world titles: none.
BERTRAND GACHOT (France). Age: 27. Races: 5.
ANDREA DE CESARIS (Italy). Age: 31. Races: 150.
Chassis: Jordan. Engine: Ford V8. Tyres: Goodyear.

### 1991 DATES

Mar 10: Phoenix, United States. Mar 24: Interlagos, Brazil. Apr 28: Imola, San Marino. May 12: Monte Carlo, Monaco. Jun 2: Montreal, Canada. Jun 16: Mexico City. Jul 7: Nevers, France. Jul 14: Silverstone. July 28: Hockenheim, Germany. Aug 11: Budapest, Hungary. Aug 25: Spa, Belgium. Sep 8: Monza, Italy. Sep 22: Estoril, Portugal. Sep 29: Barcelona, Spain. Oct 20: Suzuka, Japan. Nov 3: Adelaide, Australia.

### BETTING

ODDS being offered by William Hill on the championship are:

6-4 favourite: AYRTON SENNA (Brazil, McLaren).
7-4 ALAIN PROST (France, Ferrari).
9-2 JEAN ALESI (France, Ferrari).
8-1 GERHARD BERGER (Austria, McLaren).
9-1: NIGEL MANSELL (GB, Williams).

RUGBY LEAGUE

# Councillors are divisions apart

By KEITH MACKLIN

JUDGING by the mood in the corridors of the newly refurbished Rugby League headquarters in Leeds on Wednesday, three divisions is far from being a dead duck despite the failure to get the required three-fifths majority at the special general meeting.

The chief executive, David Oxley, was quietly seething on what he termed "a black day for the game". Nearby, Gary Hetherington, of Sheffield Eagles, proposer of the 14-8-14 three divisions scheme, was looking disconsolate.

Some council members, who had earlier voted in favour of the scheme, had been mandated against their private will to vote against, and made their positions clear. Thus the ground is fertile for a renewed campaign to win over wavering clubs, based on the belief, strongly expressed by Oxley, that the chaotic imbalance in second division fixturing cannot last. The feeling is that survival for humbler clubs depends on the recharging of the batteries through a competitive three-division system.

The opposition on Wednesday sprang from several idea sources, not all of them logical or based on a realistic assessment. Some felt the matter was being rushed through for next season. Others argued that costs would mount in the lower divisions with more fixtures and without corresponding gate increases.

Oxley, and those who think like him, believe that attendances would improve and last for the full season with a top division as at present, a fiercely competitive middle eight, and a third tier with 14 clubs competing to take part in a top-eight premiership with an Old Trafford final.

Behind-the-scenes moves will be made to table the matter again either at a special general meeting next month or the annual meeting of clubs in the summer.

● The Bradford Northern forward, Simon Tuffs, banned from playing rugby league for two years after failing a drugs test, will appeal.

## SNOW REPORTS

| | Depth (cm) L | Depth (cm) U | Conditions Piste | Conditions Off/P | Runs to resort | Weather (5pm) | + temp °C | Last snow fall |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **AUSTRIA** | | | | | | | | |
| Igls | 0 | 35 | fair | varied | closed | cloud | 8 | 16/2 |
| *Local conditions deteriorating* | | | | | | | | |
| Mayrhofen | 5 | 60 | fair | varied | closed | cloud | 12 | 3/3 |
| *Some good skiing available in the morning* | | | | | | | | |
| Schladming | 5 | 25 | fair | heavy | worn | fine | 12 | 16/2 |
| *Still fair piste skiing up to mid-day* | | | | | | | | |
| **FRANCE** | | | | | | | | |
| Chamonix | 50 | 250 | fair | varied | closed | fohn | 15 | 2/3 |
| *Good piste skiing above 1,800m, very windy* | | | | | | | | |
| Flaine | 40 | 200 | good | varied | fair | cloud | 8 | 28/2 |
| *Mild spring skiing continues slushy* | | | | | | | | |
| La Plagne | 115 | 240 | fair | varied | worn | cloud | 3 | 3/3 |
| *Good skiing, poor visibility, few queues* | | | | | | | | |
| Megève | 30 | 135 | fair | heavy | slushy | cloud | 15 | 3/3 |
| *Some good skiing, high winds closing lifts* | | | | | | | | |
| Val Thorens | 105 | 205 | fair | crust | fair | snow | 0 | 7/3 |
| *Complete white-out conditions, many lifts closed* | | | | | | | | |
| **ITALY** | | | | | | | | |
| Cervinia | 100 | 300 | good | powder | good | snow | 3 | 7/3 |
| *Good powder skiing on all slopes* | | | | | | | | |
| **SWITZERLAND** | | | | | | | | |
| Arosa | 40 | 60 | fair | heavy | worn | cloud | 9 | 28/2 |
| *Higher pistes good in the morning, slushy later* | | | | | | | | |
| Davos | 20 | 130 | fair | varied | closed | wind | 12 | 3/3 |
| *Good skiing above 2,000m* | | | | | | | | |
| Villars | 20 | 40 | worn | heavy | closed | fohn | 14 | 28/2 |
| *Strong winds have closed most chairlifts* | | | | | | | | |
| Wengen | 15 | 75 | good | varied | slush | fohn | 13 | 3/3 |
| *Wind has closed most lifts and trains* | | | | | | | | |

In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper, and art to artificial.

**SCOTLAND**

**Cairngorm:** snow level, 1,300ft; vertical runs, 2,000ft. Runs: upper, middle and lower complete, wet. Access roads open; chairlifts and tows open. **Glenshee:** snow level, 1,500ft; vertical runs, 1,500ft. Runs: upper and lower complete, firm packed. Access roads open; most chairlifts and tows open. **Lecht:** snow level, 1,000ft; vertical runs, 700ft. Runs: main complete, hard and icy. Access roads open; tows open. **Aonach Mor:** snow level, 2,000ft; vertical runs, 2,000ft. Runs: all complete, groomed. Access roads open; tows opening. **Glencoe:** snow level, 1,500ft; vertical runs, 2,000ft. Runs: upper and lower complete. Access roads opening; chairlifts and tows open.

**Forecast:** Poor skiing conditions with low cloud and drizzle at most resorts, although temperatures will be mild with freezing levels above the summits. Poor visibility with cloud bases at around 2,000ft, lower during showers. Light winds from the east, freshening for a time during the early afternoon. **Outlook:** Becoming clearer with sunny intervals, but also some showers developing throughout Saturday. Similar on sunday with showers dying out by evening. Winds remaining light.

● *Information* supplied by the Scottish Meteorological Office.

RUGBY UNION

# Wales must set in motion a root and branch study

GERALD DAVIES

IN THE middle of the 1970s, Carwyn James, the most reflective and sagacious mind of modern times, who had influenced Llanelli and the British Isles to success, put his name forward among seven candidates from whom five would be elected as national representatives to serve on the Welsh Rugby Union. To be a national representative was one route to the committee.

Welsh rugby cast him into the wastebin. He ended last but one in the poll. Clearly, the intricacies of national political elections, which he knew something about since he had once stood as a Welsh national candidate in Llanelli and polled more than 10,000, was nothing compared to the machinations of Welsh rugby politics.

He then took a two-year sabbatical in Italy, learned the language, immersed himself in the nation's culture and made Rovigo the country's champion rugby club. The Welsh Rugby Union, in its wisdom, had determined it had no need of such prophets.

Here is another tale of an attempt by a different route on to the committee. Five years ago, it was suggested to Dennis Hughes, the former Newbridge and Wales back-row player, that he should allow his name to go forward as one of three representatives for district A, which is Gwent. He made early enquiries only to find that he would not get any support from what was then thought of as the junior clubs.

Hughes was told that while they respected him and believed that, drawing on his vast experience, he would have a substantial contribution to make to Welsh rugby, it was part of the policy of the junior clubs never to vote for a representative from a first-class club. Hughes never entered the race. Denzil Williams, the former Wales and Ebbw Vale prop, did so. And secured a solitary vote. Presumably from Ebbw Vale.

In the name of democracy, the block vote rules in Welsh rugby. In pursuing what is meant to be the first-rate, the system may be applied to encourage the second-rate to be elected and to administer the game. It may very well be by now that the league system which has come into operation will incorporate the senior and junior clubs so that the old enmities between them will disappear. But this will take a good time to get out of the system.

Not that the blame should all be seen to be on the shoulders of the junior club. For more than 20 years since the idea of an integrated league system in Wales was floated by Ray Williams, the then coaching organiser, the senior clubs used their own kind of block vote, and other sabre-rattling tactics to stop its implementation. All this has had its considerable effect.

So that now rugby in Wales needs to be studied root and branch if it is ever to recover. Certainly, there is no overnight solution. Standards at every level need to be looked at and not even the Welsh Rugby Union committee itself, and its constitution, should escape that scrutiny.

The tale of misery is endless. Harry Bowcott, Wales and British Isles player in the Thirties, selector in the Seventies, could not have believed, he said, in 60 years of following the rugby that he would see the day when Wales would be beaten so regularly and by such high scores. The critical factor in Paris as, indeed, in other matches this season and the last, was the realisation that it was not only defeat that was nowadays anticipated but the margin of it.

But the question is now: how long can Wales endure such humiliation on the rugby field? At what moment will the public's tolerance give way? When will the most avid supporter, eyeing the price of the ticket, say enough is enough? £16 is a great deal to pay for so joyless an afternoon in Cardiff. It is just not worth it anymore, he will conclude. The ticketless nowadays views the television with a newspaper in hand and, so I am told, by half-time is out tending his garden. The time when such questions are being asked, and when indifference is setting in, has arrived.

# Benazzi's future at stake

By DAVID HANDS

ABDELATIF Benazzi, the Moroccan No. 8 who will play for France against England at Twickenham next Saturday, may yet qualify for the French World Cup squad. The French federation has requested clarification from the International Rugby Football Board on whether Benazzi, who played for his native Morocco in an exhibition against Belgium within the last 18 months, can be considered.

He has been playing particularly well this season, not only against New Zealand last autumn but for Agen in domestic rugby; well enough to convince the selectors that he should make his five nations' championship debut at Twickenham, even if he is barred from the World Cup.

France hope to arrange a four-match visit to the United States in July as part of their World Cup preparations and will consider the form of their fringe players in the B international against England at Bristol next Friday. They have made four changes, all in the pack, from the XV that beat Scotland B 31-10 in Glasgow last Saturday, but include no capped players.

The additions to the team include, at lock, Djakaria Sanoko, who plays for Biarritz but is from the Ivory Coast, for whom he played in a World Cup qualifying tournament.

● The New Zealand Rugby Union has been advised to introduce random drug-testing in its domestic game. Colin Calcinai, the chairman of the NZRU medical advisory council, told the annual meeting in Wellington that, though there was no evidence that performance-enhancing drugs were being used, the union should sponsor testing and an educational programme.

● The Bridgend captain, John Apsee, will miss his side's Schweppes Cup quarter-final against Llanelli on March 16 and a possible semi-final on April 6 because of a freak training injury. Apsee was caught on the side of the face by a stray elbow and suffered a cheekbone fracture which required surgery.

He will also miss the top-of-the-table Heineken League game against Neath on March 23 — a match which could decide the fate of the premier division title. "I might be able to play again in four weeks time. I'm really depressed about it," he said.

● The first B international between women's teams from England and Wales will be played at Wasps this evening, as part of the preparation of both countries for the women's world cup next month. Wales beat a Dutch Select XV 36-3 when they first fielded a B XV last September.

**FRANCE B** (v England B, March 15): J-L Sadourny (Colomiers); S Viars (Brive), E Nicol (Montferrand), M Marfaing (Toulouse), J-P Bullich (Narbonne); P Montlaur (Agen), G Camberabero (Beziers, captain); P Tapie (Grenoble), J-P Tordo (Nice), S Graou (Auch), M Courtiols (Begles-Bordeaux), D Sanoko (Biarritz), J-M Cadieu (Toulouse), G Pages (Rodez), S Dispagne (Perpignan). Replacements: F Bontemps (La Rochelle), H Couffignal (Colomiers), S Milhas (Auch), H Chaffardon (Grenoble), P [illegible] (Nimes), C Garcia (Beziers).

# Sponsors step forward

By DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

WITHIN the next week, Rugby World Cup Ltd hopes to have announced half the projected eight leading sponsors of the 1991 tournament. It was confirmed yesterday that Ricoh UK Limited, the British offshoot of the Japanese company that deals in photocopiers and fax machines, has joined Heinz UK in supporting the World Cup. Two more announcements are expected, at Twickenham and Dublin, next Friday.

Before this season ends, two more Japanese companies — one of which could be the telecommunications firm, KDD, the main sponsor of the 1987 World Cup — are expected to announce their involvement, and RWC Ltd hopes to have sealed all its prime sponsors by June.

The total sponsorship generated by the World Cup is approaching £19 million, of which just over half comes from 24 television contracts covering 58 countries. But it was revealed at a press conference in Cardiff yesterday that those countries with insufficient money to pay for rights would be allowed access to film of the tournament in the broader interests of the game's development.

Ricoh, the sponsor of the Australian national side that will be playing in the Welsh-based group this autumn, will supply equipment for media centres during the tournament, as well as making a "substantial cash contribution" — believed to be around £800,000. The amount, however, that the main sponsors contribute (apart from the worth of their back-up service which, in the case of Heinz, is around £3 million) will vary depending on the number of companies involved, so that all pay an equal amount.

Susumu Ichioka, the managing director of Ricoh UK, described the tournament as "one of the world's top four sports events". His company's involvement complemented its sponsorship programme, which embraces the 1992 Olympic Games and the Tour de France.

Keith Rowlands, secretary to the International Rugby Football Board (IRFB), said that any surplus from the tournament would be given as a dividend to the International Rugby Settlement Trust, a discretionary body that would use funds for the development of the game over the four-year period preceding the 1995 tournament.

That trust will be administered by Barclay Trust International, in consultation with an advisory committee established by the IRFB and drawn from the board's own members — that is, from the eight senior rugby-playing countries.

EQUESTRIANISM

# Nicholson seizes lead on 20 horses

By JENNY MACARTHUR

ANDREW Nicholson, the New Zealand-born rider who has been based in Britain for the last 11 years, is the leader of *The Times*/SunSystems rider rankings, the official table of the Horse Trials Group, which is launched today.

The monthly table is calculated on a 12-month set of results gained by a rider in any advanced event or three-day event in the United Kingdom or in the official international championships of the year.

For Nicholson, aged 29, who collected his 586 points on 20 different horses, last season marked a turning point. He won his first three-day event at Punchestown in Ireland on Spinning Rhombus. In July, on the same horse, he won a team gold medal and was fourth individualy at the world championship in Stockholm. In September, he won the Osberton three-day event on Fast Polisher, and he was runner-up on Applause at Blenheim.

It was heady stuff for a man who had spent six years struggling to survive in the sport. Nicholson came to England at 18, and nearly went home again. "It was February and very cold," he recalls. "I had little money and I didn't know anyone."

The Sussex-based racehorse trainer, Derek Kent, offered him employment, which Nicholson accepted gratefully. Kent and, later, Roger Stack, the producer of show hunters, both influenced Nicholson's decision to persevere with his eventing. While with Kent, he managed to get his one horse, Woodstock, which he had brought from New Zealand, to intermediate level, at which point he was sold to help finance his career.

Since leaving Kent's yard in 1983, Nicholson and his wife, Jane (who also evented until the birth of the first of their two daughters three years ago), moved several times until, four years ago, they managed to buy their own yard near Yeovil in Somerset.

They now have 19 event horses, eight of which they own. "It's a job of work," Nicholson said. "I get up and ride all day long for seven days a week."

He makes his money buying and selling horses — Todd's Bahlua and the advanced horse, Socrates, now in Canada, are two top internationals which have passed through his hands.

Spinning Rhombus, his most successful horse, was sent to his yard by his owner, Rosemary Barlow, when he proved impossible to hunt. Nicholson soon got the measure of him. "He's a little horse but has a good brain. He's aggressive and loves to fight — I don't have too many easy days with him." Finishing fourth in Stockholm was beyond his expectations.

His aspirations for this year are higher. Badminton, which he first encountered in 1980 when he groomed for Marc Todd, the Olympic champion, is his main goal. Spinning Rhombus, one of his two entries, will a favourite. His other ride is a nine-year-old called Schiroubles, who completed Badminton last year but is still described by Nicholson as being "a little bit touched upstairs".

His preparation starts this weekend at the Crookham horse trials at Tweseldown racecourse in Hampshire. Nicholson has six rides: two novices today, two intermediates tomorrow and Spinning Rhombus and Applause in the open intermediate class on Sunday.

Virginia Leng, the former world champion, Todd, and Miss Thomson, the national champion, who is second in *The Times*/SunSystems rankings, will be among Nicholson's rivals on Sunday.

### Leading riders

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 A Nicholson (NZ) | 586pts |
| 2 M Thomson | 573 |
| 3 L Law | 409 |
| 4 R Powell | 368 |
| 5 B Tait (NZ) | 341 |
| 6 M Todd (NZ) | 308 |
| 7 I Stark | 298 |
| 8 L Murray | 271 |
| 9 V Leng | 270 |
| 10 P Nolan | 257 |
| 11 R Lemieux | 222 |
| 12 N Coe | 176 |
| 13 R Walker | 175 |
| 14 equal W Fox Pitt, L Bevin | 157 |
| 16 P Lyon | 152 |
| 17 O Moore | 151 |
| 18 A Taylor | 147 |
| 19 V Latta | 130 |
| 20 equal H Bell, K Parker | 133 |

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### Old Trafford rediscovers the spectacle of European theatre at its very worst

# Hughes proclaims his innocence

STUART JONES

OF ALL the theatrical acts carried out at Old Trafford on Wednesday night, the most deceptive was performed by Mark Hughes. Clutching his face as he fell, Manchester United's centre forward deliberately gave the convincing impression that he had been butted by Pascal Baills, the Montpellier right back.

Even the Italian referee, standing a couple of yards away, was taken in and sent Baills off. A television replay confirmed that the Frenchman was instead guilty of barging Hughes in the chest, an offence which would not necessarily have merited a red card.

The consequences are potentially significant. Since Baills is automatically suspended from the second leg of the European Cup Winners' Cup quarter-final, Montpellier will be without the defender considered most suitable for the duty of containing Sharpe, the speedy winger who is potentially the most effective counter-attacking threat.

Hughes yesterday claimed that he was innocent. "I'm not a cheat," he said. "I wasn't pretending. I couldn't act to save my life. All I know is that somebody came at me like an express train. I was winded and I stayed down until I'd sorted myself out."

Montpellier were angered. Louis Nicollin, the president, suggested that United's leading scorer might receive "a warm welcome" on March 20. Baills, though he admitted that he should not have sought instant retribution after Hughes appeared to trample on Lemoult, claimed that the Welshman reacted "as if in the cinema".

The accusation is laced with irony. Montpellier's play-acting initially bemused and eventually incensed United's followers, who are perhaps unaware of how prevalent the custom has become abroad. Any victim of a robust challenge is liable to pretend that he has been struck by several steam hammers.

"For them to say that I wasn't hurt is a case of the pot calling the kettle black," Hughes said. "They were rolling about all over the place whenever they were tackled but that, I suppose, is part of European football." Having played with Spanish and West German clubs, he should know.

Hughes, naturally ebullient himself, is not averse to doing so. Since he returned from Barcelona, he has shown a tendency not only to "put himself about a bit too much", as Nicollin noted on Wednesday but also to make it appear as though he is the victim of covert brutality.

Fifa, the game's governing body, recognising the practice as overt cheating, have instructed referees to caution those players who seek to gain an advantage, such as a free kick or a booking for the supposed assailant, by feigning injury. How many examples of that were seen during the World Cup finals in Italy last summer?

The distasteful tactic has not yet infiltrated deep into the English game and, apart from Hughes's regrettable contribution and the booking of Robson, United responded creditably to opponents who might be disguised as members of the French amateur dramatic society. The rest of their display, though, fell far short of admirable.

It is too convenient to use inexperience as the sole excuse. Hughes, Robson and McClair (with Celtic) may be the only individuals with extensive knowledge of European ties but the team is otherwise filled with regular internationals. Not that it showed. They resembled a collection of excitedly impatient schoolboys.

Alex Ferguson, sensing perhaps that United might lack composure, had consistently warned that "in European football everything can be going well when suddenly the roof falls in". It went well for seven minutes until Martin beat his own goalkeeper, equalising the goal scored in 52 seconds by McClair.

United never regained their assurance or their purpose and their chances of emulating their achievement of 1983 are slender. Then, in the same competition, they opened their campaign by being held 1-1 at home by Dukla Prague but went through on away goals. They were eventually knocked out in the semi-final by Juventus.

Montpellier, in spite of eliminating PSV Eindhoven and Steaua Bucharest in earlier rounds, are not in the highest class but the quality of two of their players stood out. They were Ziober, a Polish winger as quick as Sharpe, and Blanc, their captain and France's sweeper.

Blanc should appreciate the proper conduct of Robson, one of whose forceful runs he clearly halted illegitimately. If United's captain had gone down histrionically, the referee might have been tempted to issue a yellow card.

IAN STEWART

Low farce: Hughes, of Manchester United, is prostrate as Baills, the Montpellier No. 2, is about to be sent off

# Milan choking on champagne

From DAVID MILLER
IN MILAN

A SINGLE goal conceded hardly constitutes a disaster. Yet it could be as much for AC Milan. Equally, that one goal could be the making of Marseilles, not to mention the possibility of reinvigorating the international career of Chris Waddle. Much was at stake in the San Siro stadium on Wednesday night.

It is not only Silvio Berlusconi's £20 million team, twice European champions, that is maybe on the blink, following a most unsatisfactory first leg draw at home in the quarter-final of the Champions' Cup; the Milan critics, traditionally among the most knowledgeable, and severe, of European football, may also be losing their touch, if they think the red-and-blacks have recovered theirs.

Expectation had been running high for another exposure of what Italians consider light weight, champagne French football by the pragmatic or, if you prefer, self-proclaimed cynicism of the Italian League.

"Maradona would have been brought down four times in the Italian League when scoring his famous second goal against England in 1986," Michel Platini, Italy's favourite Frenchman, has often said. They do not rate the likes of Papin in these parts.

From the evidence here, however, Milan without Baresi and Van Basten are less sure than at any time in the past three seasons. It is going to take a transformation to reach the semi-final: and they will know it, having discovered that the team which Franz Beckenbauer could not hold together is more than just a bubble bath.

Raymond Goetals, appointed by the millionaire, Bernard Tapie, as Beckenbauer's replacement, took a strong line this week. Two French international players, Jean Tigana, a midfield hero in the team which won the 1984 European championship and then reached the World Cup semi-finals two years later, and Eric Cantona, Papin's forward partner, were left behind for refusing to go on the subtitutes' bench last weekend against Monaco in the league.

Goetals' point was made. Although his sense of morality may not have been evident when suspended for his part in match-fixing by Standard Liège, of Belgium, in the late seventies, Goetals is seemingly not immune to the value of discipline.

Milan's defence had looked throughout like a postman without his bicycle: Costacurta, Baresi's deputy, and Galli were caught horribly square by the equalising goal; Tassotti made the error which led to the Ghanaian, Pelé, hitting a post; and Pazzagli seemed to have little understanding with any of his colleagues. When he booted the ball high upfield, by-passing his entire team *à la* Wimbledon during Milan's desperate search for the winning goal in the last ten minutes, half the 81,000 crowd was on its feet, gesticulating outrage you see when two Fiats have experienced a minor collision.

If Pelé and Papin are mere champagne, all I can say is let us have more of it. Considering that Stojkovic, one of Europe's most gifted midfield players, is poised to return to the team after injury, we may have been looking on Wednesday night at the new champions.

Whether Waddle has done enough to reclaim an England place against the Republic of Ireland at Wembley on March 27 remains to be seen. Graham Taylor's planning is not an open book. Waddle's telling pass through Milan's statuesque backline made the equalising goal for Papin, following a defensive blunder which had given Gullit an early chance to put Milan ahead.

## Clash of interests

THE Football League and the Football Association are heading towards further confrontation if BSkyB persists with its practice of insisting that FA Cup ties which they wish to televise are held on Mondays again next season (Clive White writes).

The fixture schedule could present a clash of interests when it comes to the two major domestic cup competitions and could cause the FA no little embarrassment, too.

"Clubs are not happy about staging FA Cup ties on a Monday," a League spokesman said. "It tends to dislocate everything else."

"We are sensitive to the level of disquiet involving the BSkyB games and we are having discussions with them regarding next season's planning," an FA spokesman said. "We would like to revert to the terms per our original contract with them which was to have ties resolved during the course of a weekend."

● The Crystal Palace defender, Mark Dennis, aged 29, was last night recovering at home after recovering from chest pains following his collapse during a comeback match in the reserves at Brighton on Wednesday.

GOLF

# Olazábal content to let his clubs do all the talking

SANTA PONSA, Majorca — José-María Olazábal, spitting fire last Saturday after a row with an official, let his clubs do the talking yesterday. And, not for the first time, they spoke better than anybody else's.

The world No. 3 had a 68, four under par, to take a one-stroke lead after the first round of the Balearic Open here on a course on which he has twice finished second and where he is already the record holder.

Miguel Martin, his fellow Spaniard, with whom Olazábal finished joint third in the Mediterranean Open last weekend Jeremy Bennett, of Surrey, recorded 69s, while Wayne Riley and Brett Ogle, both of Australia, threw away chances to lead in spectacular fashion.

Riley finished with a double bogey six in a 71 and Ogle, having joined Olazábal with a birdie on the 17th, ran up a triple bogey seven to be on the same one under par mark while Severiano Ballesteros, the defending champion, unwell and unhappy, had to be satisfied with a one over par 73.

Olazábal has still not decided whether to appeal against a £250 fine imposed by John Paramor, the tournament director of the Mediterranean Open, for causing an unnecessary fuss over a plugged lie in a bunker.

The young Spaniard had six birdies and, although his effort was four shots worse than his record 64 in 1988, he commented: "The course plays longer now and the rough is thicker and tougher."

Ballesteros did not blame either the length or the condition for failing to make it onto the leaderboard. "I couldn't swing very well because I have sprained my neck and cannot turn my head," he said. "I also have neuralgia, and sometimes I just can't stand the ache; all this influences my game."

Bennett, aged 31 and a former Rookie of the Year, who has a £10 bet on himself to win every week at odds of 150-1, is another feeling sub-par, but he also managed to score under par.

"I've had 'flu and didn't play a practice round," he said. "I thought I was going to score millions." Instead, he saw a 20-foot birdie putt to tie with Olazábal lip out on the 18th.

**LEADING FIRST-ROUND SCORES** (GB and Ireland unless stated): 68: J-M Olazábal (Sp). 69: J Bennett, M Martin (Sp). 70: M Mackenzie, C Montgomerie, M Fernandez (Arg), D Feherty, C Rocca (It), D Smyth, P Way. 71: S Richardson, E Romero (Arg), B Lane, J Haeggman (Swe), M Gates, W Riley (Aus), P-U Johansson (Swe), K Trimble (Aus), V Singh (Fiji), B Barnes, B Ogle (Aus), D Durnian.

72: F Lindgren (Swe), V Forsbrand (Swe), J Anglada (Sp), M Moreno (Sp), M James, G Brand Jr, S Luna (Sp), G Ralph, G Levenson (SA), S Bowman, A Johnstone (Zim), C O'Connor Jr, R Lee, W Longmuir. 73: P Hedblom (Swe), D James, A Sherborne, S Ballesteros (Sp), S Stephen, P Carrigill, J Rivero (Sp), C van der Velde (Neth), A Binaghi (It), C Hardin (Swe), P Hall, J Coceres (Arg), M Pinero (Sp), P Walton, E Dussart (Fr), J Davila (Sp), V Fernandez (Arg), S Bennett, J Rystrom (Swe).

# New courses are a Ryder Cup hint

By MITCHELL PLATTS

IT MIGHT not be a coincidence that the opening date for a new £30 million leisure complex, which will include two championship golf courses at Leek Wootton, near Warwick, is scheduled for the summer of 1993, only months prior to the Ryder Cup at The Belfry.

For Colin Snape played a leading role as the executive director of the Professional Golfers' Association in transforming potato fields into The Belfry complex, and as chief executive of The Golf Fund plc he would appear to have similar aspirations for Leek Wootton.

Snape, on announcing that Karl Litten, the American, is to create his first courses in Britain, said: "They will be designed to the highest standard so that we have a championship venue capable of hosting the premier events in golf.

"Karl has been invited to design the courses on the strength of his superb routing ability. He is one of the best in the business and I have been particularly impressed by his courses at the Emirates Golf Club in Dubai and at Boca Raton in Florida." The championship courses will measure 7,067 yards and 6,821 yards and a nine-hole course will also be constructed.

The consortium responsible for funding the multi-sports complex, which will include a delux hotel and conference centre, has as its chairman, Sir Neil MacFarlane, the former sports minister, and a powerful group of investors which include Equity and Law, Norwich Union, Scottish Amicable and the Midlands-based National Farmers' Union.

Through his Golf Consultancy, Snape is developing a number of other projects on behalf of The Golf Fund, including a second £30 million multi-sport and leisure complex at Stansted, Essex, and The Seedy Mill Golf Club, near Lichfield, Staffordshire, but he clearly has high regard for the 460-acre site in rolling countryside at Leek Wootton.

"I believe we can build a complex here without equal," he said. "It will be available to all on either a pay as you play basis or through full membership privileges. The soil is rich, the views spectacular and what we have here is a complex for the 21st century."

WORLD STUDENT GAMES

# Sheffield gives extra £5m

By PETER DAVENPORT

SHEFFIELD City Council, host to the World Student Games this summer, has agreed to provide them with an extra £5 million "safety net", despite an earlier pledge that it would put no more funds into the financially troubled event.

The money will be borrowed from banks in deals that will enable repayment to be spread over the years. It is expected to cost the city's poll tax payers another £3.50 a year on future bills.

Pamela Gordon, the council's chief executive, had asked the Labour-controlled authority for £7 million to bridge the gap between estimated Games income of £16.5 million and the cost of staging the event as planned, which is put at £23.5 million.

Instead, the council agreed to the lower sum of £5 million as a "safety net" for use if it proves impossible to raise extra income. In the past, the council has said it would not provide more towards the running costs of the Games than the £1 million it had given.

Although the authority has been under attack for cutting back on services and job losses as part of financial measures to avoid poll tax capping, the city treasurer, Malcolm Newman, says that any cuts this year and next had nothing to do with the Games, which are due to attact 6,000 athletes from 120 nations to the city in July.

He said he could arrange deals with banks over one-off projects such as the Games but not to finance services.

A report from Ray Gridley, the director of administration for the Games, warned: "Just as cancellation of the Games would have severely damaged the good name of Sheffield and, thereby, undermined the potential benefits arising from the economic, employment, leisure and tourism strategies of which the Universiade (World Student Games) has always been seen as an integral and essential part, the options which involve reducing the size and/or the standard of the Games could cause strategic damage, albeit to a lesser extent."

ATHLETICS

# British medal winners look thin on the track

From DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT, SEVILLE

OTHER than from Linford Christie, Britain do not expect to win any gold medals in the third world indoor championships which begin here today and end on Sunday. Ade Mafe looks a medal winner in Christie's second event, the 200 metres, but after that, hopes extend little beyond getting athletes into finals.

Looking for needles in haystacks brought the name of Martin Steele to the lips of Frank Dick, Britain's director of coaching, yesterday . "His performances have been very mature," Dick said of Steele, who lines up in the 800 metres. "I see him as a medal shot."

Lucky Britain remembered him. Without a nudge from the press, Steele would not be here. He was overlooked until the selectors were informed that he possessed a qualifying time. Paul Ereng, of Kenya, appears to have the gold medal sewn up, but anything could happen after that.

It may seem a nonsense that the most successful nation at the European championships last summer should be so short of potential, but this is a time for recharging. Dick said that athletes cannot keep performing to their peak

BOWLS

# Cumbrian pair inch into their first final

MARGARET Norris and Eleanor Trotter, of Cumbria, advanced to the final of the Pedigree Films English women's pairs championship with a 21-19 win over Ann Cox and Lyn Thelwell, of Handy Cross, High Wycombe, at Lawson Park, Bedford, yesterday (Gordon Allen writes).

Norris, who won the national outdoor fours three years ago, and Trotter dropped four shots on the eighteenth end, to fall 18-17 behind, but kept their nerve over the closing ends, Thelwell just failing to prolong the match with firm woods on the 21st.

This is the first time that Norris and Trotter have qualified for the final stages of these championships. Their opponents today will be either Eileen Vigor and Thelma Barton, of Croydon, or Madeleine Ward and Elizabeth Shorter, of County Arts, Norwich.

Vigor had her fourth full day on the green, losing in a triples to Angel, Tonbridge, and then going out of the Champion of *Champions*, *21-16* to Jayne Roylands.

**RESULTS:** Triples: First round: Park Hall (C Hudson) bt York (M Wragglesworth), 21-19; Angel (J Campbell) bt Croydon (E Vigor), 23-8; Wey Valley (B Handcock) bt Essex County (W Barber), 14-13; Paddington (B Lines) bt Atherley (C Croad), 16-12; Ipswich (H Bloomfield) bt Central and Southwest Durham (J Hull), 21-15; Exonia (A McCambridge) bt Taunton Deane (J Llewellyn), 13-12; Nottingham (J Thomas) bt City of Ely (P Carrott), 19-12; Eastbourne (J Collins) bt Riverain (S Page), 21-6.

CYCLING

# Kellogg's signs three-year tour contract

WHILE sports sponsorship faces cuts, Kellogg's yesterday increased its investment when signing a new three-year contract to back the professional Tour of Britain (Peter Bryan writes).

Its race budget until 1993 stands at £1.5 million with an anticipated £500,000 to be spent on this year's event which starts from Windsor on August 6.

It lasts five days and ends in Leeds, taking riders over a hilly 585-mile route.

**ROUTE:** Stage 1: Windsor to Birmingham, 132 miles. Stage 2: Coventry to Lincoln, 107 miles. Stage 3: Lincoln to Buxton, 95 miles. Stage 4a: Buxton to Manchester, 62 miles. Stage 4b: Manchester to Liverpool, 62 miles. Stage 5: Liverpool to Leeds, 126 miles.

IN BRIEF

## Go ahead to Brown

KERRITH Brown, the judo fighter and the only Briton ever found positive for drugs at an Olympics, will be allowed to compete at the 1992 Games.

The British Olympic Association announced that if Brown, who lost the light-weight bronze medal in Seoul, were chosen, it would not bar him from competing in Barcelona.

**SKIING:** Warwara Zelenskaja, of the Soviet Union, was fastest in practice for the women's World Cup downhill at Lake Louise, Alberta, tomorrow.

**TENNIS:** John McEnroe and Goran Ivanisevic were among five seeds beaten in the second round of the Champions' Cup in Indian Wells, California.

☐ Mark Petchey defeated Glen Schaap, the Dutch left-hander, 7-5, 6-3 to reach the last eight in the Serve and Volley satellite tournament at Telford.

**CRICKET:** Barry Dudleston, the former Leicestershire opening batsman, joins the umpires panel for the Tests against West Indies and Sri Lanka.

☐ Graeme Hick hit his third century in successive matches as Queensland reached 330 for seven on the first day of their Sheffield Shield match against New South Wales, at Sydney.

**OLYMPICS:** Berlin formally applied to stage the 2000 Games, joining an expected short list of Peking, Sydney, Milan, Brasilia and London or Manchester.

YACHTING

## Auguin trails leader by big margin

From BARRY PICKTHALL
IN PUNTA DEL ESTE, URUGUAY

CHRISTOPHE Auguin arrived here yesterday to take second place in the BOC single-handed round the world race. Crossing the finish at 15.39 GMT, he handed his French rival and the new race leader, Alain Gautier, a 21-hour margin of safety when the fleet resumes on the final stage of this 27,000 mile marathon back to Newport at the end of the month.

As Auguin sprayed the crowded quayside with champagne, Josh Hall, of Britain, who was forced to seek shelter within the lee of Cape Horn after breaking the boom on New Spirit of Ipswich, was heading back out to sea.

Britain's other entry, Robin Davey, hopes to reach Cape Horn on Saturday.

**RESULTS:** Third stage (from Sydney to Punta del Este): Class 1: 1, Generali Concorde (A Gautier, Fr), 31days 5hr 21min; 2, Groupe Sceta (C Auguin, Fr), 32:13:39. Overall: 1, Generali Concorde, 96:10:58; 2, Groupe Sceta, 97:08:25. Other positions (at 10.00GMT yesterday, with miles to Punta del Este): 3, Innkeeper (D Adams, Aus), 152; 4, Duracell (M Plant, US), 187; 5, Grinaker (B Read, SA), 491; 6, Jarkan (K Birtles, Aus), 514; 7, Alba Regia (N Fa, Hun), 527; 8, Ecureuil PC (I Autissier, Fr), 548; 9, BBV Expo '92 (J Ugarte, Sp), 581; 10, Credit Agricole (P Jeantot, Fr), 552; Class 2: 1, Servant IV (Y Dupasquier, Fr), 631; 2, Buttercup (D McIntyre, Aus), 1,021; 3, Project City Kids (J Boye, US), 1,073; 3, New Spirit of Ipswich (J Hall, GB), 1,286; 5, Sebago (H Roth, US), 3,452. Corinthian class: 1, Volcano (P Thackaberry, US), 1,460; 2, Global Exposure (R Davis, GB), 1,882; 3, Shuten-dohji (M Saito, Japan), 2,153.

## FOR THE RECORD

### BADMINTON

**MANSFIELD:** International match: England v Soviet Union (England names first): Men's singles: D Hall lost to A Antropov, 7-15, 17-18. Women's singles: H Troke bt E Rybkina, 11-5, 11-9. Men's doubles: M Brown and C Wright lost to Antropov and N Zuev, 15-10, 15-13. Women's doubles: G Gowers and S Sankey bt V Tchadavskaia and N Ivanova, 15-17, 11-15, 15-4; Mixed doubles: Gowers and Hall lost to V Shmakov and V Tchernievskaia, 8-15, 17-16, 15-7. Match result: England 2, Soviet Union 3.

### BASKETBALL

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA):** Boston Celtics 126, Miami Heat 117; New York Knicks 102, Detroit Pistons 99; Orlando Magic 88, Los Angeles Clippers 86; Utah Jazz 104, Washington Bullets 93; Philadelphia 76ers 97, Dallas Mavericks 92.

**KORAC CUP:** Cantu (It) 84, Mulhouse (Fr) 54 (Cantu win 149-136 on agg).

**CARLSBERG LEAGUE:** Premier division: Hemel Hempstead Royals 90, Derby City Rams 97; Thames Valley Tigers 102, London Docklands 88.

**EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS' CUP:** Quarter-final: Kingston 96 (Cunningham 28, Duncan 18, Hanlan 16, Clark 15), Limoges 77 (Brooks 23, Dacoury 17, Demory 14).

**RONCHETTI CUP:** Semi-final (second leg): Gemeaz Cusin Milan 84, CSKA Moscow 74 (Gemeaz Cusin win 158-152 on agg); Como (It) 73, Dorna Valencia (Sp) 56 (Como win 130-126 on agg).

### BIATHLON

**OSLO:** World Cup: Men: 20km: 1, M Kirchner (Ger), 57min 02.5sec; 2, F Schuler (Austria), 57:08.5; 3, S Bouthiaux (Fr), 57:30.2; 4, G Fenne (Nor), 58:05.7; 5, J A Tyldum (Nor), 58:15.8; 6, S Tarasov (USSR), 58:41.6. Overall: 1, A Zingerle (It), 174pts; 2, Kirchner, 159; 3, S Tchepikov (USSR), 147; 4, F Luck (Ger), 141; 5, P Carrara (It), 128. Women: 15km: 1, A Misersky (Ger), 56min 18.5sec; 2, M Bedard (Can), 58:07.6; 3, S Davidova (USSR), 58:13.2; 4, E Kristiansen (Nor), 58:29.8; 5, A Elvebakk (Nor), 58:42.1; 6, M Stadig (Swe), 58:43.1. Overall: 1, Bedard, 163pts; 2, Elvebakk, 150; 3, U Disl (Ger), 149; 4, P Schaaf (Ger), 139; 5, Davidova, 136; 6, V Claudel (Fr), 110.

### BOWLS

**COUNTY MATCHES:** Hertfordshire 183, Oxfordshire 152; Suffolk 174, Northants 115.

### HOCKEY

**SCHOOLS MATCHES:** Forest 3, Bancroft 1; RGS High Wycombe 6, KCS Wimbledon 1; Seaford Coll 2, King Edward VI, Southampton 0.

### BILLIARDS

**SHEFFIELD:** Strachan UK professional championship: Preliminary round: J Sinclair (Eng) bt D Barton (Eng), 498-361; M Kothari (India) bt T Murphy (N Ire), 641-484; D Edwards (Wales) bt B Bennett (Eng), 541-369. First round: M Ferreira (India) bt D Sneddon (Scot) 1,000-426; R Foldvari (Aus) bt S Hardcastle (Eng), 659-214; J Karnehm (Eng) bt D Rees (Wales), 529-283; M Russell (Eng) bt P Morgan (Aus), 1,482-211; B Close (Eng) bt J Dunning (Eng), 851-253; I Williamson (Eng) bt R Chapman (Eng), 424-339; P Gilchrist (Eng) bt J Caven (Scot), 856-380; F Davis (Eng) bt J Fitzmaurice (Eng), 403-399.

### CRICKET

**SABINA PARK, Kingston:** First Test: West Indies 264 (A L Logie 77 not out, P J L Dujon 59; C J McDermott 5-80, M G Hughes 4-67) and 334-3 dec (R B Richardson 104 not out, D L Haynes 84, I V A Richards 52); Australia 371 (D C Boon 109 not out, G R Marsh 69, M A Taylor 58; B P Patterson 5-83). Match drawn.

**SHEFFIELD SHIELD:** Melbourne: South Australia 217-6 (P Nobes 82, A Hilditch 71) v Victoria. Sydney: Queensland 330-7 (G Hick 137 not out, W Holdsworth 4-71) v New South Wales. Hobart: Tasmania 199 (D Wellham 57, C Matthews 6-42); Western Australia 69-2.

### MOTOR RALLYING

**PORTUGUESE RALLY:** Leading positions (after 12 stages): 1, M Biasion (It, Lancia), 1hr 54min 49sec; 2, D Auriol (Fr, Lancia), 1:54:52; 3, C Sainz (Sp, Toyota), 1:55:08; 4, M Alen (Fin, Subaru), 1:56:07; 5, J Kankkunen (Fin, Lancia), 1:56:24; 6, H Mikkola (Fin, Mazda), 1:58:50; 7, J Puras (Sp, Mazda), 1:59.18; 8, F Chatriot (Fr, Subaru), 2:01:44; 9, G Fischer (Austria, Audi), 2:02.59; 10, M Duez (Bel, Toyota), 2:04.34.

### FOOTBALL

**ZENITH DATA SYSTEMS CUP:** Northern area: Semi-final: Postponed: Barnsley v Everton.

**OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION:** Fulham 1, Chelsea 1.

**OTHER MATCH:** Wilson's Army UK Cup: Final: 1/3 Trg Regts 4, SEME Bordon 3.

Late results on Wednesday

**EUROPEAN CUP:** Quarter-finals (first leg): Spartak Moscow 0, Real Madrid 0; AC Milan 1, Marseilles 1; Red Star Belgrade 3, Dynamo Dresden 0; Bayern Munich 1, FC Porto 1.

**EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS' CUP:** Quarter-finals (first leg): Legia Warsaw 1, Sampdoria 0; Dynamo Kiev 2, Barcelona 3; Manchester United 1, Montpellier 1; FC Liège 1, Juventus 3.

**UEFA CUP:** Quarter-finals (first leg): Bologna 1, Sporting Lisbon 1; Bröndby (Den) 1, Torpedo Moscow 0; Atalanta (It) 0, Internazionale 0; AS Roma 3, Anderlecht 0.

**GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE:** Stafford Rangers 3, Kidderminster Harriers 1.

**B AND Q SCOTTISH LEAGUE:** Premier division: Dunfermline 0, Celtic 1; Heart of Midlothian 2, St Johnstone 1. First division: Raith 1, Meadowbank 3. Second division: Cowdenbeath 1, Alloa 1; Queen of the South 3, East Fife 0.

### ICE HOCKEY

**NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL):** New Jersey Devils 3, Buffalo Sabres 3 (OT); Montreal Canadiens 5, Chicago Black Hawks 3; Minnesota North Stars 5, Edmonton Oilers 1.

**INTERNATIONAL MATCH:** Great Britain 5, Tilburg Trappers (Neth) 2 (in Nottingham).

### GOLF

**PARAPARAUMU, New Zealand:** New Zealand Open: First-round leaders: 66: F Nobilo (NZ). 67: R Davis (Aus); J Morse (US); T Power (Aus). 68: J Clifford (Aus); M Colandro (US); G Joyner (Aus); J Oliver (NZ). 69: B King (Aus). 70: S Alker (NZ); R Bishop (NZ); D Fardon (Aus); G Hjertstedt (Swe); C Howell (Aus); A Painter (Aus); D Small (NZ); R Smalley (NZ).

**SADOWARACHO, Japan:** Daiichi Fudosan Cup: First-round leaders (Japan unless stated): 67: H Hamano. 68: Y Yamamoto; S Fujita; Y Mizumaki; K Maita; B Jones (Aus). 69: H Yasuda; M Amano; P Izumikawa; I Shirahama; Y Isomura; K Murota; Y Kaneko; I Sugita; Y Ueda.

### LACROSSE

**BERKHAMSTED:** National schoolgirls championship: McFarlane Cup (seniors): Semi-finals: Berkhamsted 3, Haberdashers' Aske's 0; Bolton 2, St Catherine's, Bramley 1. Final: Berkhamsted 4, Bolton 0.

### REAL TENNIS

**NEW YORK:** World championship eliminator: Second leg: L Deuchar (Aus) bt G Hyland (Aus), 6-2, 6-1, 6-0 (Deuchar wins 7-0 overall).

### RUGBY LEAGUE

**STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP:** First division: Wakefield Trinity 12, Sheffield Eagles 4. Second division: Halifax 56, Whitehaven 6 (abandoned 70min, fog).

**BRITISH COAL YOUTH LEAGUE:** Featherstone 50, St Helens 10; Castleford 16, Hunslet 15.

**SLALOM LAGER ALLIANCE:** First division: Oldham 23, Leeds 6.

**UAU CORRUGATED STUDENT PREMIERSHIP:** Quarter-finals: Newcastle Poly 8, Leeds Univ 8; Liverpool Univ 58, Staffordshire Poly 16. Merit table: Lancaster Univ 14, Leeds Poly 34. Student Conference: Airedale Coll 44, Huddersfield Poly 3; Bolton Institute 0, Chester Coll 46; Edge Hill Coll 18, Lancashire Poly 21; Bradford Univ 14, Sheffield Poly 24; Nottingham Univ 16, Leicester Poly 64. Christie Cup: Leeds Univ 0, Manchester Univ 40.

**OTHER MATCH:** UAU Final: Leicester University 20, Loughborough University 17 (at St Helens).

### STUDENT SPORT

**SAPPORO:** World Student Winter Games: Cross country: Men: 4 x 10km relay: 1, Japan, 2hr 11min 55.1sec; 2, Germany, 2:14:13.4; 3, Switzerland, 2:14:37.2. Short track speed skating: Men: 1,500m: Final: 1, Kim Ki-Hoon (S Kor), 2min 33.83sec. Consolation final: 1, W O'Reilly (GB), 2:47.20. Women: 1,500m: Final: 1, Kim Chan-Hwa (N Kor), 2:59.07.

### RUGBY UNION

**UNIVERSITIES INTERNATIONAL:** Wales 6, England 18 (at Newbridge).

**SCHOOLS MATCHES:** Kelvinside Academy 30, Glasgow Academy 6.

**KENT SCHOOLS SEVENS:** Semi-finals: King's, Canterbury 20, Maidstone GS 0; Eltham Coll 4, Colfe's 6. Final: Colfe's 28, King's, Canterbury 4.

**ULSTER BANK SCHOOLS CUP:** Semi-final: Royal Belfast Academical Institution 7, Coleraine Academical Institution 10 (at Ravenhill).

### SNOOKER

**CAFE ROYAL:** Continental Airlines London Masters: Semi-final: S Hendry (Scot) bt J White (Eng), 4-2.

### TENNIS

**INDIAN WELLS, California:** Champions Cup: Second round: S Davis (US) bt T Muster (Austria), 6-3, 6-2; E Sánchez (Sp) bt S Bruguera (Sp), 6-4, 6-4; D Cahill (Aus) bt S Bryan (US), 7-6, 6-2; D Rostagno (US) bt M Rosset (Switz), 7-5, 6-1; F Clavet (Sp) bt R Furlan (It), 6-0, 6-7, 6-2; F Santoro (Fr) bt G Ivanisevic (Yug), 6-0, 6-2; M Stich (Ger) bt G Layendecker (Can), 6-3, 7-6; A Agassi (US) bt G Prpic (Yug), 6-3, 6-4; G Forget (Fr) bt T Carbonell (Sp), 6-1, 6-3; W Ferreira (SA) bt A Gómez (Ecu), 6-4, 7-6; M Chang (US) bt J Arias (US), 6-4, 4-6, 6-1; A Cherkasov (USSR) bt L Mattar (Br), 7-6, 6-7, 6-4; J Grabb (US) bt J McEnroe (US), 7-6, 7-5; R Reneberg (US) bt A Volkov (USSR), 6-7, 6-2, 6-4.

**BOCA RATON, Florida:** Women's tournament: Second round: N Tauziat (Fr) bt P Louie-Harper (US), 6-0, 6-3; H Kelesi (Can) bt H Cioffi (US), 6-3, 6-1; M J Fernandez (US) bt A Coetzer (SA), 6-4, 6-1; R Rajchrtova (Cz) bt L Savchenko (USSR), 6-4, 7-5; M McGrath (US) bt L Harvey-Wild (US), 3-6, 6-3, 6-0; M Werdel (US) bt N Medvedeva (USSR), 6-4, 4-6, 7-5; L Bonder-Kreiss (US) bt B Paulus (Austria), 6-4, 6-3; L Gildemeister (Peru) bt L Ferrando (It), 7-5, 6-4; P Hy (Can) bt B Fulco (Arg), 7-6, 6-3; J Capriati (US) bt K Kschwendt (Lux), 6-7, 6-1, 6-1; A Huber (Ger) bt A Strnadova (Cz), 6-2, 7-5.

**TELFORD:** Serve and Volley men's satellite tournament: Second round (England unless stated): N Bruno (It) bt L Matthews, 4-6, 6-2, 2-0, ret; P Hand bt A Dalboni (It), 6-2, 7-6; S Botfield bt J Turner, 1-6, 7-6, 6-1; M Petchey bt G Schaap (Neth), 7-5, 6-3; N Fulwood bt G Richardson (Aus), 6-2, 6-3; T Nydahl (Swe) bt B Moreinstein (Isr), 6-1, 7-5; L Bale (SA) bt C Brandi (It), 7-6, 4-6, 7-6; B Joelson (US) bt A Richardson, 7-6, 6-3.

**COPENHAGEN:** Men's tournament: Second round: C Saceanu (Ger) bt R Agenor (Haiti), 6-3, 7-6; T Woodbridge (Aus) bt T Hogstedt (Swe), 6-3, 6-0; J Svensson (Swe) bt F Fetterlein (Den), 6-3, 2-6, 6-2; J Hlasek (Switz) bt L Jonsson (Swe), 6-3, 6-4.

### SKI JUMPING

**BOLLNAS, Sweden:** World Cup: 1, S Zuend (Switz), 224.5 pts (90.0, 90.0m); 2, R Laakkonen (Fin), 222.2 (87.5, 89.5); 3, J Frantisek (Cz), 221.0 (87.0, 90.5); 4, A-P Nikkola (Fin), 219.4 (81.0, 88.0); 5, R Ylipulli (Fin), 217.8 (87.0, 89.0); 6, J Weissflog (Ger), 217.5 (88.5, 88.5). Leading positions: 1, A Felder (Austria), 244pts; 2, B Thoma (Austria), 145; equal 3, Nikkola and Zuend, 138; 5, S Horngacher (Austria), 134; 6, F Petek (Yug), 118.

### YACHTING

**GENOA:** Olympic classes regatta: Flying 05: 1, Doreste (Sp); 2, Kosmina (Yug); 3, Schwarz (Ger); 4, Stead (GB); 5, Shaiduko (USSR). Richard Ellis-RYA Olympic sailing places: 6, Tushingham; 11, Henderson; 14, Apthorpe. Star 05: 1, Dal (It); 2, Benamati (It); 3, Semeraro (It); 4, Greenwood (GB); 5, Soloviev (USSR). RYA places: 4, Greenwood. Soling 05: 1, Celon (It); 2, Favini (It), 3, Pitchugin (USSR); 4, Rodolfi (It); 5, Tab (GB). RYA places: 5, Tab; 7, Beadsworth; 8, Pyatt. Finn 05: 1, Tokovoi (USSR); 2, Passoni (It); 3, Khoperskiy (USSR), 4, Passoni (It); 5, Vaccari (It). RYA places: 8, Childerley; 11, McMillan; 13, Tavinor. Europe 05: 1, Bogatec (It); 2, Landi (It); 3, Lyttle (Ire); 4, Calligaris (It); 5, Robertson (GB). RYA places: 6, Hedgecock; 7, Lucas; 8, Lines. 470 05: 1, Ivaldi (It); 2, Montefusco (It); 3, Cian (It); 4, Noe (It); 5, Tonista (USSR). RYA places: 9, Boardman; 15, Irish; 18, Cockerill. Tornado 05: 1, Konovalov (USSR); 2, Prilmak (USSR); 3, Zuccoli (It); 4, Hagara (Austria); 5, Van Teylingen (Neth). RYA places: 6, Williams; 10, Portway; 15, Sunnocks. Women: 470: 1, Basaluna (USSR); 2, Guerra (It); 3, Gaudino (It); 4, Bacchiega (It); 5, Raggatt (GB). RYA places: 5, Raggatt.

## TODAY'S FIXTURES

### FOOTBALL

**Barclays League**
**Fourth division**

Doncaster v Scunthorpe (7.30) ........
Stockport v Scarborough (8.0) ........

**SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE:** Omagh v Distillery (7.45).

### RUGBY UNION

**REPRESENTATIVE MATCH:** Irish Universities v Japanese Universities (Ravenhill, 6.30).

**CLUB MATCH:** Penarth v South Wales Police (7.0).

**WOMEN'S B INTERNATIONAL:** England v Wales (at Wasps, 7.30).

### RUGBY LEAGUE

**SLALOM LAGER ALLIANCE** (7.30): First division: Hull v St Helens; Hull KR v Wakefield Trinity; Leeds v Leigh; Oldham v Halifax; Salford v Castleford; Widnes v Wigan. Second division: Doncaster v Swinton; Ryedale York v Bradford; Sheffield Eagles v Huddersfield.

### OTHER SPORT

**BOWLS:** English women's national indoor championships (Lawson Park, Bedford).
**GYMNASTICS:** Women's British championships (individual and apparatus) (Crawley).
**RALLYING:** RAC International Historic Rally of Great Britain (Bath to Torbay).
**SWIMMING:** Hepworth Building Products meeting (Southampton).

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# SPORT

## West Indies extend hand to South Africa

Clyde Walcott, president of the West Indies Board of Control, talks to ALAN LEE, Cricket Correspondent, about the future of the game in the Caribbean and the changing attitude in the West Indies towards South Africa

THE West Indies, whose power in the boardrooms of world cricket has grown in proportion to their success on the field, are ready to amend their stance significantly on South Africa, offering the first hint of encouragement from a black nation to the outlawed country.

The West Indies are also preparing an initiative to reform standards of discipline and they will make concessions on slow play, in which they have long been considered by some to be both guilty and intransigent.

These were some of the issues to emerge yesterday, when Clyde Walcott, president of the West Indies Board of Control, gave an interview to *The Times* on the future of cricket in the Caribbean, where the game is rich in talent, passionate in outlook, financially destitute and yet more influential over the rest of the world than ever before.

South Africa's continued isolation from international cricket has been paramount in West Indian policy for two decades and in 1988 they, along with England, were responsible for the introduction of automatic Test suspensions for anyone visiting there to play or coach.

Now, however, the rapid political change in South Africa, allied to the projected merging of cricket's two racially-perceived bodies, has convinced Walcott that the initial barrier, one of basic communication, can be dropped. As the West Indies' spokesman at the International Cricket Council in July, he will raise no objection when South Africa makes its annual plea, traditionally rejected out of hand, for an audience.

South Africa now will win, surely, the required support to put their case to the Test-playing nations for a review of their game's long-claimed, but widely disputed, non-racial status. So long as their two bodies, the predominantly white Cricket Union and the non-white Cricket Board, are united by July, they are likely to ask the ICC to send a fact-finding mission.

On this, Walcott cannot promise automatic support. He explained: "I would have no quarrel with the idea of a merged South African authority addressing us informally at the ICC. I have quarrelled with it before, of course, but like every other country we are encouraged by what has happened in South Africa.

"We want to see the apartheid system totally dismantled so that South Africa can eventually come back into the fold and I am interested to hear about the progress within cricket. As for any ICC mission to the country, I would have to study the situation further.

"On purely cricket matters I am able to speak for the West Indies. But I represent not just one country but a whole region, and when a sensitive political issue is concerned I must consult with governments so that we as a board are not in conflict with them."

On the topic of discipline, Walcott needs to refer to nobody. This imposing, statesmanlike man, now aged 65, has a pained expression when he discusses standards which have dropped incalculably since the times in the 1950s when he was averaging 56 in Test cricket, carefree cricketing times which, he freely admits, will now never return.

"We never had problems of behaviour, but then we were not playing such a commercial, scrutinised game as the players of today. Money is at the root of the problem but it is important that we, as administrators, first accept that discipline in the international game has deteriorated, and then act firmly to put it right."

West Indies are much in favour of the international code of conduct which the ICC will put in place by October of this year. They believe that independent umpires should be mandatory, if only they can be funded. Interestingly, Walcott is also set to propose a worldwide convention of leading umpires in an effort to achieve uniformity on such matters as intimidatory bowling, time-wasting and players' conduct.

"The umpires need to get together so that they can be stronger and more consistent in many areas," says Walcott, citing the calling of wides in one-day cricket as an example of widely-varying interpretations.

Time-wasting is another, and although West Indies, with their battery of rechargeable fast bowlers, have always opposed over-rate fines, they are now more conciliatory. Fines, they say, should be imposed, but the 90 overs per day rule ought to make time allowances for fall of wickets, drinks breaks and injuries. The ICC is unlikely to agree on this, but on other points Walcott will win support.

"Short-pitched bowling is still a worry and although I am totally against a limit of one per over, as it gives an artificial advantage to the batsman, it is true that too many are sometimes bowled. The umpires should be discussing a uniform line on what they regard as intimidation.

"We acknowledge that discipline is poor throughout Test cricket and this is one very good reason for imposing mandatory independent umpires. I believe 95 per cent of the problems with dissent and bad behaviour come as a result of umpiring decisions, which may or may not be right, but are perceived by players to be wrong due to home-country bias.

"So, while we do not think the umpiring will necessarily be any better for a complete change, it will be more acceptable to the players because of its obvious impartiality."

The delay in implementing a travelling panel of umpires is entirely due to finance and, here, the West Indies cannot help. Success has brought them no riches. Indeed, even in the past three years, their dilemma of trying to sustain a high-profile team and the stratas of the game beneath it, has been further complicated by the devaluation of several Caribbean currencies against the US dollar.

Explains Walcott: "All our outgoings, such as expenses and players' fees, are based on the US dollar, so we have suffered badly. We lost money on England's tour here last year and we will lose again on this current series with Australia, even after television income.

"Cricket will not collapse here, but we have to act like humble men. Our administration is not like England's or Australia's. Until recently we had only one paid officer. Now we have two and a typist, to deal with everything. We want to expand our secretariat onto the marketing side. We want to run an A-team like England. But we do not have the money to finance it."

Walcott revealed that England's proposal for an A-team tour of the Caribbean, initiated last year and now revived, will be rejected reluctantly again beause of the lack of a sponsor. With the established West Indian side soon to shed some of its elder statesman, this particularly grieves him.

"We are due for a transitional period," he says. "It must come, and all around the Caribbean there is public disquiet about it. The people see that their heroes are not as dominant as they were. They sense we are ready to lose and there is a fear of losing, because it has not happened for so long. From the administrative point of view we understand it and we will not panic."

The West Indies will name their captain for the England tour, which will be managed by Lance Gibbs, early next month. The 16-man party will be announced around April 24. But expect little to change.

"I look around the region and I see a new generation of fast bowlers," Walcott says. "I see very few spin bowlers. I hope I am wrong, but the youngsters are bound to copy models they find attractive."

Walcott is a realist. He knows the game does not grip the nations here quite as it did. But he is not pessimistic. "You will not see cricket on the beach, or on waste ground, quite as much, because the young have more to divert them. In my day, cricket was all there was. But I can see a couple of young players who will excite people and I am optimistic of the future, even if we must not expect to dominate as we have done."

## Lewis out to win British hearts

By SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT

LENNOX Lewis, who won the British heavyweight title by beating Gary Mason, has set his sights on a bigger prize that eluded him at Wembley on Wednesday night — the hearts of the British people.

Lewis, a London-born Canadian who considers himself British, realises that dealing a damaging blow in the seventh round to the career of Mason, another Frank Bruno-type figure, was not exactly the best way of endearing himself to the British public.

Lewis, who was booed coming into the ring, said: "I give Gary every respect. I felt bad for Gary. Gary should not give it up. He's been a credit to British boxing. I would be very happy to give him a return."

Talking to the press in a pub in London's east end (What could be more British?), Lewis said his aim was not to rush in and make off with the millions waiting for him in a world title bout with Mike Tyson or Evander Holyfield, but to prepare himself properly to bring the title back to Britain.

His marketing agents, MTC, said Lewis could make $50 million from a world title bout. Joanna Ingleby, of the company, said: "The areas in which we can promote Lennox are immense. The phone just hasn't stop ringing with questions and proposals for meetings with companies in footwear, food beverages, electricals and publishing. These are the things we are going to concentrate on.

"Lennox is lined up to earn £1 million in the next year. He may do his talking in the ring, but we will be doing his talking for him commercially. And we are not talking pennies, we are talking about millions. He could earn in excess of $50 million from a world title fight alone."

But Lewis's American trainer, John Davenport, said: "We don't just want to get to the world championship, we want to win it and make the British people happy. It will take us 18 months, another eight fights maybe."

Lewis plans to defend the British title against Glenn McCrory, Derek Williams, the Commonwealth champion, and then give Mason a rematch, and then challenge for the Canadian title. "I want to go into a world championship with five titles. That is the goal I set myself when I came back from Canada to fight in Britain," Lewis said.

But the man he most wanted was Bruno. "He was one of the guys I wanted to come to England from Canada to fight," Lewis said. "Bruno has not stated that he is definitely coming back, but if he does I'd love to fight him. It will be a great name to have on my record," then reflected: "Only if I beat him I could become the bad guy."

The Lewis camp was not entirely happy with the champion's performance. Too often he was not positive enough: after closing Mason's right eye in the third round, he allowed Mason to come back into the fight.

Those who watched the Ali-Frazier encounter on television after Lewis's bout might well have wondered if they had been watching the same game: Mason merely went bulling forward, head down, while Lewis, despite some slick moves, never quite gave the impression of a talented world prospect at work.

But as John Hornerer, Lewis's legal adviser, said: "Lennox is only a 15 and 0 fighter. He's got a lot to learn." Lewis would be best advised to spend longer periods in American gyms seeing the craftsmen at work. He is a natural enough boxer to learn by simply watching.

I would commend to Lewis the words, in another context, of a former Indian High Commissioner, who once said, referring to the London School of Economics, "Once you have passed through the portals of LSE you cannot but come out qualified."

Mason fought better than he has ever done in his 35 contests, even if his efforts were born out of desperation. For the first time he threw combinations of more than three punches, though it was painful to see him contorting himself to find the leverage. At the end of the bout, the sight of his battered face made one wonder if his aim still should be to get into the ring with Tyson.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Adding to the family silverware: Lewis shows off his British and European heavyweight championship belts

## Mason fears for eye and ego

GARY Mason, whose right eye was closed by Lennox Lewis, is to see Professor David McLeod, who performed an operation for a detached retina on the eye a year ago in Manchester (Srikumar Sen writes).

Mason, who was stopped by the referee in the seventh round from proceeding with the contest, said: "Obviously, I'm worried about the right eye and I will be arranging to see the specialist myself. But it's not so much the eye, it's the damage to my heart and ego which is the hardest to take."

Mickey Duff, the boxer's manager, believes that the former British champion will be able to carry on boxing, especially as he was ahead on the scorecard of the referee, Larry O'Connell. The other two judges had both men level. "Lewis will have to make a mandatory defence in six months," Duff said. "I'll be looking for him to fight Gary again."

☐ THERE is the world of difference between the retinal detachment which the elderly, the shortsighted, the diabetic or even those who have had a blow to the head suffer and those experienced by boxers (Dr Thomas Stuttaford, our medical correspondent, writes).

Professor McLeod, formerly of Moorfields and now professor of ophthalmology at Manchester, who operated on Mason, said: "A boxer's retinal detachment is quite unlike that experienced by other patients. It is not due to any inherent weakness in the retina, or the shape of the eye. Put simply, it results from blunt trauma; a large thumb hammered into the eye so that it fills the socket."

A boxer's retinal detachment needs immediate treatment. Mason probably had a silicon explant last year, in which a silicon rubber sponge is used to push the back of the eyeball forward, thereby pressing the layers of the retina together and strengthening the ceiling of any tear achieved with cryosurgery (freezing) or laser treatment.

## Graham rules out move to Anfield

By CLIVE WHITE

GEORGE Graham, the Arsenal manager, yesterday ruled himself out of contention for the managerial vacancy at Liverpool, just 24 hours after John Toshack had done the same by indicating that he would prefer to honour a five-year contract with Real Sociedad.

Graham, whose club is vying with Liverpool for the League championship and contest an FA Cup quarter-final against Cambridge United tomorrow, said: "I cannot see myself leaving Highbury to go to any other English club. I have a youngish squad here and I want to see what we can do."

The idea of Graham swapping horses in mid-stream when his own is well on its way to achieving the double was always liable to be a non-runner. But it will be seen as further evidence to support the view that Arsenal, who defeated Liverpool at Anfield last Sunday, are about to take over the champions' mantle as England's leading club.

Graham, modestly, was reluctant to compare the two clubs. "We have still done nothing to be compared with the achievements of Liverpool and all the trophies they have won," he said. "There is still a very long way to go and it is silly talk to say that we have taken over from them. I treat that kind of talk almost with contempt."

It is no secret that Graham could at some time bring himself to sever his connections with the club he has served also as a player but only in order to manage a big club abroad. For the time being his ambitions lie with Arsenal.

He would like to be seen as the manager who was responsible for restoring pride to the English club game after its five-year expulsion from Europe. There is every possibility he will be given that opportunity; Manchester United, the sole English survivor in European competition this season, face elimination from the Cup Winners' Cup after an inferior performance against Montpellier on Wednesday night.

## Penrice is Villa's £1m new signing

By DENNIS SHAW

JOZEF Venglos, the Aston Villa manager, last night made his presence felt for the first time in the British transfer market with his first big signing. He paid Watford £1 million for Gary Penrice, their goalscoring forward.

The former national coach of Czechosloavkia, who has been criticised for not strengthening a team that has slid towards the relegation area, will field the new signing against Luton Town at Villa Park tomorrow. The only other significant signing made by Venglos since he succeeded Graham Taylor, was for his compatriot, Ivo Stas, from Banik Ostrava, but the defender has not played because of an Achilles tendon injury.

The latest bid for Penrice is Venglos's second. Since having a £750,000 offer rejected in January, Villa's league position has become desperate. A sequence of only three wins in 16 League games, culminating in last Saturday's defeat by Sheffield United at Bramall Lane left the club only two points clear of Sunderland, who are second from bottom.

Now the Bristolian, aged 26, will become part of a goal-seeking pair costing £2.5 million, when he teams up with the club's record signing, Tony Cascarino, the Republic of Ireland international.

Watford's consolation for failing to keep a player destined for a higher grade is that they have doubled their £500,000 outlay in 16 months. Although his appearances at Vicarage Road have been limited by injury, Penrice has still hit 19 goals in 45 games.

Watford immediately spent £175,000 of the fee on Peter Nicholas, Chelsea's Welsh international midfield player, who has been out of favour recently.

## Johnson feels the power beginning to return

From DAVID POWELL
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RESTLESSLY for 40 minutes, Ben Johnson sat in a chair yesterday, twitching at a press conference like a sprinter trying to get comfortable in his blocks. On the eve of his first big championship since his Olympic disgrace, there was reason to be nervous.

For 30 months Johnson has been waiting for this moment, a chance to prove that, drugs or not, he is up there with the best of them. Call it, if you like, his FA Cup quarter-final: beat Linford Christie now, then come summer, bring on Carl Lewis for the semis and Leroy Burrell for the final.

Christie is the first from sprinting's hall of fame to cross Johnson's path, though Johnson will regard Lewis, the Olympic champion, and Burrell, world No. 1, as greater challenges. This was a new Johnson in front of us and not just because he has passed 16 drugs tests since Seoul.

His improving form over the last three weeks has made him more assertive; no longer is he shrinking from the spotlight. He is not so arrogant as he was pre-Seoul but is working on it. "If I get off the blocks like I always do, everything will be over," he said of today's world indoor championship 60 metres here. "There is no way these guys can run me down over 60 metres."

There is more. "It is very good for me to compete for Canada, not only for Canada but for the rest of the world to see me back as a positive role model." But Johnson is not yet assured enough to go it alone, flanked as he was by his manager and lawyer.

One sensed that he believes Lewis and Burrell are within range over 100 metres. "I should be able to get to where I left off; I am capable of under ten-flat," he said. "The speed is 100 per cent but my power is only 80 to 90 per cent." He will work on that after the indoor season.

But first, heats this morning, semi-finals this afternoon and, assuming he maintains recent form, the final tonight. Christie is the favourite, but Johnson, Chidi Imoh, Andrés Simón and Andre Cason are all contenders. "I have a good record of getting it right at the major championships," Christie argues justifiably.

Johnson's failing during his early comeback defeats was his inability to get height and extension from his start. What was once his strength had become his weakness. He is more a popgun than a pistol. Make of this what you will, but Charlie Francis, the coach who encouraged Johnson to take drugs, is prohibited by Canada from coaching yet has been seen at the track where Johnson trains, talking to Desai Williams. Johnson said yesterday that any coaching he needed came from Williams. "Desai has been working for me and putting things together," Johnson said.

Johnson ran 6.58sec in Sindelfingen, Germany, on Sunday while Christie clocked 6.55sec in Glasgow. "I hope and pray I can get out of the blocks the way I did in Sindelfingen," Johnson said, picking nervously at his left hand with his right. "It will need 6.52 to 6.53 for me to come out with a victory."

Then, with curious timing given that this is his first international championship for two-and-a-half years, Johnson announced that he would retire after the 1992 Barcelona Olympics. "It gets hard when you are getting old," he said.

By then Johnson, at 30, will be some months younger than Christie is now. And Christie grows tetchy at suggestions that his age is a handicap. "I will be around for some yet," Christie says. Certainly until Barcelona, when he will be 32. By that age Johnson will be relaxing.

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